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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and held, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *January*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Nineteenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Efq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HARARD, *Efq.*
PELEG ARNOLD, *Efq.*
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Efq.*
CALEB GARDNER, *Efq.*
JOHN COOKE, *Efq.*
JAMES CONDON, *Efq.*
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Efq.*
GEORGE BROWN, *Efq.*
JOB WATSON, *Efq.*
JOHN HARRIS, *Efq.*

} ASSISTANTS,

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq. Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Mr. Caleb Greene,
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
Mr. John L. Bots,
Mr. Christopher Fowler,
Simeon Martin, *Esq.*

PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Speaker,
Charles Lippitt, *Esq.*
John Smith, *Esq.*
Mr. Nicholas Easton.

PORTSMOUTH :

Abraham Anthony, *Esq.*
Tillinghast Almy, *Esq.*
Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter.

WARWICK :

Moses Arnold, *Esq.*
Anthony Holden, *Esq.*
Mr. Joseph Brown,
Mr. Henry Remington.

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, *Esq.*
Rowle Babcock, *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. William Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Daniel Updike, *Esq.*
George Thomas, *Esq.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

None.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. William Greene (*Son of Benjamin.*)

Mr. George Tillinghast.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Daniel Weeden, *jun.*
Mr. Robert Watson.

SMITHFIELD :

Mr. John Paine.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, *Esq.*
Job Randall, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, *Esq.*
Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Ishmael Nichols, *Esq.*
Mr. Joseph Niles.

COVENTRY :

Job Greene, *Esq.*
Joseph Rice, *Esq.*

EXETER :

Christopher Pierce, *Esq.*
Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. William Peckham, *jun.*
Mr. Isaac Barker.

BRISTOL :

Samuel Wardwell, *Esq.*
Loring Peck, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

Thomas Durfee, *Esq.*
Mr. Christopher Manchester.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
Mr. Isaac Baley.

WARREN :

Mr. Charles Wheaton,
Ichabod Cole, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Jotham Carpenter, *Esq.*
Elijah Brown, *Esq.*

RICHMOND :

Mr. Samuel Larkin,
Jonathan Maxson, *Esq.*

CRANSTON :

John A. Burton, *Esq.*
Caleb Williams, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, *Esq.*
Moses Barber, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON :

Noah Mathewson, *Esq.*
Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Edward Smith,
Stephen Jenckes, *jun.* *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, *Esq.*
James Martin, *Esq.*

FOSTER :

William Tyler, *Esq.*
Daniel Howard, *Esq.*

SAMUEL EDDY, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House.

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THE following Report was presented to this Assembly, *to wit* :— Report upon
the Petition
To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island, &c. of Job Wat-
son and oth-
ers.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee by the Honourable the General Assembly, at the Session held in June, A. D. 1793, to take into Consideration a Petition presented to the Assembly by Daniel Putnam, and Catharine his Wife, and Job Watson, Esquire, respecting the Rents received by the State for the Hutchinson Farm, so called, in Jamestown, as set forth in their Petition, do report, that the said Farm was confiscated as the Property of Charles Ward Apthorp, and leased by the State to Job Watson for One Year, commencing the 25th. Day of March, A. D. 1780, for One Hundred and Eighty Pounds: The said Farm was then set off to Col. Angell's Regiment, which they leased for Two Years to the said Watson, the First Year for One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and the Second Year for One Hundred and Five Pounds; the whole Three Years amounting to Four Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds, which was received in Money, Beef, Pork, Corn and Cheese, as noted below.—We also find, that in the Year 1783, upon the Application of Shrimpton Hutchinson, the General Assembly appointed a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances relative to the said Estate, and upon the Report of the said Committee, made at June Session, A. D. 1783, the General Assembly ordered the said Farm to be surrendered to the said Hutchinson.—Upon a full Investigation of the Matter, it appears to your Committee that the said Farm, at the Time it was confiscated, and in Possession of the State, was, the Property of, and belonged to the said Shrimpton Hutchinson and his Wife; and that therefore he hath a Claim for the Rents received by the State.

YOUR Committee further report, that the said Shrimpton Hutchinson hath constituted the Petitioners, Daniel Putnam and Job Watson, by a Power of Attorney, executed the Third Day of October, A. D. 1792, to recover, receive and give Discharges for the same; which Power we herewith present. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSS,
ROBERT N. AUCHMUTY, } Committee.

Newport, October 24, 1793.

The First Year's Rent received by the State, in December, A. D. 1780,

7700 lb. of Beef, at 3d.	£.96 5 0
645 lb. of Pork, at 4d.	10 15 0
140 Bushels of Corn, at 4s.	28 0 0
Allowance made for Stock driven from Jamestown,	30 0 0
Balance in Cash,	15 0 0
	£. 180 0 0

Second Year's Rent received by Col. Angell's Re-
giment, in December, A. D. 1781, in Cash, 150 0 0
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Third Year's Rent received by the same,

1000 lb. of Beef, 100 Bushels of	Corn, 540 lb. of Pork, 420 lb. of Cheese,	£. 51 0 0
Balance in Cash,		
	54 0 0	<hr/> 105 0 0
		<hr/> £. 435 0 0

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; that the said Sum of *Four Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds* be allowed, together with Interest thereon from the 15th. day of *June*, A. D. 1793, being the Time when the said Petition was presented; and that the General-Treasurer give unto the said *Job Watson*, and *Daniel Putnam*, his separate Notes, for the Sum they shall agree to be due to each of them respectively out of the said Sum of *Four Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds*.

Grant for
building a
Gaol in Pro-
vidence.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Resolution of this Assembly, passed at the Session held in *June* last, approving a Plan for a new Gaol in the Town of *Providence*, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* be granted for the Purpose of building a Gaol in the said Town, in such Manner, and of such Dimensions, as the Representatives from the County of *Providence* shall think proper, under the Direction of Messrs. *Charles Lippitt*, *John Smith*, and *Jason Newell*, who are hereby appointed a Committee for that Purpose: And that the said Committee give Bonds to the Satisfaction of the General-Treasurer, on their receiving the said Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Performance of their Trust, and for the Completion of the said Gaol.

Report of
the Commit-
tee who
burnt Loan-
Money.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit* :
To the Honorable General Assembly, to be bolden at East-Greenwich,
on the last Monday in January, 1795.

WE the Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, at the Session in *October* last, to burn the Paper Money in the Grand-Committee's Office, have, in Pursuance of our Appointment, received of *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq. the Keeper of that office, *Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Pounds One Shilling and Three Pence* in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State in *May*, A. D. 1786, and have burnt the same. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN, } Committee.
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

£. 9440 1 3.
Newport January 23d. 1795.

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On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesighted Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

THE following Report was presented unto this Assembly, *to wit* :
To the Honorable the General Assembly to be holden at East-Greenwich,
on the last Monday in January, A. D. 1795.

THE Committee, to whom the Petition of *Rebekah Clarke, Widow* of *Joseph Clarke, Esq.* deceased, late General-Treasurer of this State, was referred, at the Session held in *October* last, representing that divers Taxes, ordered by the Legislature, were unpaid by certain Towns, and that the full Amount of them hath been charged to the said *Joseph Clarke*, in the Settlement of his Accounts with the State, offer the following Report:

THAT we have carefully examined the Tax-Books, and Records of the Accounts adjusted with the late General-Treasurer, and find that the State hath Credit for the undermentioned Sums in the Settlement of his Accounts, in the Years 1783 and 1786, which were not collected from the delinquent Towns in the Lifetime of the said *Joseph Clarke*, *to wit* :

South-Kingstown,

State Tax, assessed in November, A. D. 1780, for Continental Money, Principal,	£. 787 5 3
Interest on Ditto,	480 3 8
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	£. 1267 8 11

Exchange at 75 for 1,	£. 16 18 0
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Exeter,

In the same Tax, Principal,	£. 250 0 0
Interest on Ditto,	172 7 9
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	£. 422 7 9

Exchange at 75 for 1,	5 12 8
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North-Providence,

In the same Tax, Principal,	£. 606 13 2
Interest on Ditto,	156 4 0
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	£. 762 17 2

Exchange at 75 for 1,	10 3 5
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Exeter,

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Exeter,

State Tax, assessed in <i>May, A. D. 1781</i> , for the new	} Emission Money, Balance,	2 7 8
<i>Coventry,</i>		
Continental Tax, assessed in <i>June, A. D. 1782</i> , for		
Silver or Gold, Principal, £. 81 10 8		
Interest on Ditto, 32 2 7		
		113 13 3
Specie, £. 148 15 0		

YOUR Committee do further report, that of the abovementioned Taxes, those due from the Towns of *South-Kingstown, Exeter, and North-Providence*, have been received by *Henry Sherburne, Esq.* the present General-Treasurer, and passed to the Credit of the State in the Adjustment of his Account made in *June* last, and reported to the General Assembly; and the Payment of that due from the Town of *Coventry*, is secured to the State by Doctor *Cyril Carpenter's* Obligations, now on Interest in the General-Treasurer's Office, who purchased of the State the Farm which belonged to *Abel Bennett*, formerly Collector of Taxes of the said Town of *Coventry*, and was taken in Execution for the Payment of the Balance due from that Town, of the Continental Tax assessed in *June, A. D. 1782*.

UPON a full Investigation of the Business committed to our Charge, we are of Opinion, that the aforementioned Sum of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, in Specie, is now due from the State, to the said *Rebekah Clarke*, as Executrix as aforesaid.— Which is submitted by *GEORGE CHAMPLIN, CHRISTOPHER FOWLER,* } Committee.

Newport, January 10, 1795.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* be paid to the said *Rebekah Clarke*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

An ACT in Amendment of an ACT, entitled "An ACT directing what shall be a legal Settlement; and for Removal of poor Persons, and the Method of binding out poor Children."

ACT in Amendment of the ACT referred to in the 3d section of this Act.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority hereof, That the Third Enacting Paragraph of the ACT, entitled, "An ACT, directing what shall be a legal Settlement; and for Removal of poor Persons, and the Method of binding out poor Children."

ment ; and for Removal of poor Persons, and the Method of binding out poor Children" permitting the Town aggrieved at an Order of the Town- Council, for the Removal of poor Persons, to appeal either to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, or to the Superior Court be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Overseer of the Poor of any Town, to which such poor Person or Persons shall be hereafter removed, in Manner as by the said Act is directed, shall think his Town aggrieved at the Determination and Order of the Town Council for the Removal of such poor Person or Persons, it shall be lawful for him, in Behalf of his Town, to appeal to the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery to be holden in the County wherein the Town, from which such poor Person or Persons shall be removed, lies : That the Party appealing shall file Reasons of Appeal, in the Clerk's Office of the Court to which the Appeal shall be brought, Twenty Days before the Sitting of the said Court ; that the Clerk of the said Court shall forthwith send a Copy of such Reasons of Appeal to One of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town from which such poor Person or Persons shall be removed ; who, upon the Receipt of such Copy, is hereby fully empowered to appear at the Court where the Appeal shall be brought, to defend and maintain the Order of the Town-Council appealed from : Which Court shall have full Power, upon hearing the Cause, to confirm or reverse such Order, as to them shall appear agreeable to Law and Justice ; which Judgment shall be final : That, in Case such Order shall be confirmed, the Town appealing shall pay the whole Costs of Court ; in which shall be included the Charge of removing such poor Person or Persons ; That, in Case the said Order shall be reversed, the Town, from whence such poor Person or Persons shall be removed, shall pay the Costs of Court, and also the Charge that the Town, to which he, she or they shall have been so removed, shall be at for his, her or their Support, from the Time of the Removal to the Determination of the Appeal : That the said Court shall make an Order, directed to the Sheriff of the County or to his Deputy, to remove such poor Person or Persons immediately, or as soon as may be, and, taking all Circumstances into Consideration, shall estimate the Cost of such Removal, which shall be entered in the Bill of Cost upon which Execution shall issue ; and shall make up Judgment accordingly : And that all Costs and Charges, shall be levied by Execution against the Town-Treasurer of each Town respectively.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in Force and take Effect Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly.

Provided nevertheless, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any Part thereof, shall not extend to, or operate upon, any Appeals as aforesaid prayed for, or which may be prayed for, before the Expiration of the said Ten Days ; but on such Appeals, and all Matters heretofore, by the said former Law,

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cognizable before the said Court of Sessions, the Jurisdiction of the said Court shall, agreeably to the said former Law, be maintained.

On Motion, It is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Henry Mar-
 Lottery *chant, George Gibbs, Christopher Champlin, Henry Sherburne, George*
rebuild the Champlin, James Robinson, Peleg Clarke, John Bours, Oliver R.
Long Wharf Warner, John Handy, Francis Malbone, Daniel Mason, Ethan Clarke,
and to build Christopher Fowler, Simeon Martin, Thomas Dennis, John L. Biss,
a Hotel in Samuel Vernon, jun. William Ellery, jun. Christopher Ellery, Chris-
topher G. Champlin, Daniel Lyman, Isaac Center, Benjamin Mason,
Aaron Sheffield, William Littlefield, Silas Deane, Audley Clarke, Con-
stant Taber, Caleb Gardner, Nathan Bebee, Moses Seixas, Nicholas
Taylor, Walter Channing, Archibald Crary, and Robert Rogers be,
and they, or any Eleven of them, are hereby authorized to set forth a
Scheme to raise by Lottery a Sum not exceeding Twenty-five Thou-
sand Dollars, for rebuilding the Wharf in Newport, commonly
called the Long-Wharf, and for building a Hotel in the said Town;
that they, or any Eleven of them, be authorized to appoint the
Managers for the said Lottery, who shall give sufficient Bonds to the
General-Treasurer, for the faithful Performance of the Trust repos-
ed in them: That they, or any Eleven of them, be authorized to
appropriate the Money that shall be raised by Lottery, as aforesaid,
to the rebuilding the said Long Wharf, and building of the said Ho-
tel: And that the Persons aforesigned, or any Eleven of them, who
may undertake the conducting the said Lottery, and rebuilding of
the said Wharf, and building of the said Hotel, shall be and are here-
by appointed, the Trustees for the Management and Direction of
the said Wharf and Hotel, and for receiving the Rents and Profits
thereof; the neat Amount of which, after deducting the Charges and
Repairs on the same, shall be appropriated to the building and sup-
porting of One or more public Schools in the said Town of Newport,
to and for the Use and Benefit of the Children in the said Town,
in such Way and Manner, and under such Regulations, as the said
Trustees, or a Majority of them, may direct and appoint.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, after
the rebuilding of the said Wharf, and building of the said Hotel shall
be completed, the Persons who shall be Trustees, as aforesaid, shall
give sufficient Bonds to the Town-Treasurer of the Town of New-
port, for the faithful Performance of their Trust; and shall annual-
ly render to the Town-Council of the said Town of Newport a true
and just Account of the Rents, Profits, Charges and Repairs of the
said Wharf and Hotel, and of the Appropriation of the nett Profits
as aforesaid. And in Case of Vacancy, by the Death, Resignation,
or otherwise, of any of the Trustees aforesaid, the Person or Persons
appointed to succeed to such Vacancy or Vacancies shall be chosen
by a Majority of Votes of the surviving Trustees: Provided never-
theless, That no such Choice shall be made until the said Trustees
shall be reduced to a less Number than Twenty-one; which is al-
ways to be the Number of Trustees, as aforesaid.

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*To the Honorable the General Assembly to be holden at East-Greenwich,
on the last Monday in January, A. D. 1795.*

YOUR Committee, who were appointed, at the Session in June, Report on a 1794, on the Petition from the Town of *Westerly*, respecting a Highway in Highway, in that Town, near *Pawcatuck River*, praying that the *Westerly*. Proceedings for establishing the said Highway may be annulled, and the Driftway by the said River established; and being continued, for that Purpose, at the Session in October last, having met at the House of *Rowe Babcock*, Esq. in *Westerly*, on the 11th Instant, and continued to meet from Day to Day until the 13th, and heard the Parties fully, and maturely considered what they respectively alledged, offer the following Report, *to wit*:

THAT the Highway, as laid out by the Committee appointed by the Town Council of *Westerly*, on the 30th Day of *May*, A. D. 1791, be established: That the Orders voted by the said Town-Council, in Satisfaction of Damages to the former Proprietors of the said Highway, be rendered null and void, and, in Lieu thereof, that the said Town pay to the several Proprietors of the Land where the Highway is laid out the following Sums, *to wit*: To *Samuel Brown*, and *Shepard Wheeler*, Fifteen Pounds Four Skillings and Six Pence; provided the Town be indemnified on Account of *Elias Lewis*, who was the Proprietor of the Land when the Highway was laid out:— To *William Lewis*, Eleven Pounds:—To *Simeon Lewis*, Twelve Pounds Eighteen Skillings:—To Captain *Oliver Lewis*, Six Pounds Ten Skillings and Ten Pence:—To the Heirs of *Jephthah Lewis*, Nine Pounds Eighteen Skillings:—To *John Thompson*, Ten Pounds Eight Skillings and Six Pence:—To *William Babcock*, Esq. Forty-one Pounds Twelve Skillings:—To Captain *Samuel Thompson*, Nothing:— And that each of the Parties pay their own Expences, relative to the said Petition, except the Cost of Reference, which we adjudge the Town of *Westerly* to pay, and is taxed at Twelve Pounds Twelve Skillings; One Half whereof we have received of the several Persons who composed the Town's Committee, and the other Half of Mr. *Samuel Brown* and others, in Behalf of the Proprietors, to be repaid to them by the said Town of *Westerly*.

AT the Request of both Parties, your Committee recommend to the Honorable General Assembly, that the Proprietors of the Land on the said Highway may be permitted to keep good Gates on the said Highway, until the First Day of *November*, A. D. 1795; at which Time they are to be removed. All which is submitted by,

CHARLES LIPPITT,
JOHN SMITH,
JASON NEWELL, } Committee.

November 13th, A. D. 1794.

Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted and approved.

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UPON

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Lottery granted for a Hotel in Providence. *Upon the Petition of Meffrs. John Brown, and others, praying that a Lottery may be granted for raising Four Thousand Dollars, to be applied towards completing and furnishing a Hotel for an Exchange, or Coffee-Houle in Providence :*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That David Mc. Lane, in the aforesaid Petition mentioned, be, and he is hereby, authorized to set forth and draw a Lottery, for raising the said Sum of Four Thousand Dollars, clear of all Deductions, in One or more Classes ; he the said David Mc. Lane, giving Bonds to the General-Treasurer, in the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars, that the Sum, when raised, shall be applied for the said Purposes ; and that the said Building shall forever hereafter be appropriated to the said Uses : And that the Managers who may set forth the said Lottery, give Bonds to the General-Treasurer, for the faithful Discharge of their Trust, to the Amount of the Value of all the Tickets by them offered for Sale in the Scheme of such Lottery.

An ACT in Amendment of an ACT, passed at the last Session, entitled "An ACT to incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of *The Providence and Norwich Society*, for establishing a Turnpike Road from *Providence* to *Connecticut Line*, through *Johnston, Scituate, Foster and Coventry*."

Amendment of an Act establishing The Providence and Norwich Society. *WHEREAS, in the Fourth Paragraph of the said ACT of Incorporation, there appears to be an Error respecting the Distance from *Connecticut Line*, at which Toll shall be collected on the said Turnpike Road :*

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said Proprietors or Stockholders, or their Agents shall, immediately after the said Sum of Eighteen Hundred Pounds shall be expended, in the Manner as in the said ACT is directed, be authorized to receive, at any Place on the said Turnpike Road within Eleven Miles of the said *Connecticut Line*, Toll for passing on the said Turnpike Road, at and after the Rates fixed in the said ACT : Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

*AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Society be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to hold their Meetings in the Town of *Scituate*, in the same Manner as they might, by the said ACT, have been held in the Town of *Foster*.*

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An ACT incorporating certain Persons by the Name of *The Catholic Baptist Society*, in Cumberland, in the County of Providence.

WHEREAS sundry Persons, of the Town of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Providence*, have represented unto this Assembly, that they have agreed to build a Meeting-House, in said *Cumberland*, for the Worship of Almighty God; which said House is, on the First Day of the Week forever hereafter, to be and remain for the Use of the Baptist Denomination of Christians, if they have Occasion for the same, and, on other Times and Occasions, indifferently for the Use of any or all Denominations of Christians, and to be used accordingly, at the Request of any Four of the reputable Householders of said Town of *Cumberland*; and have petitioned this Assembly for an Act of Incorporation:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That *Jotham Carpenter, Whipple Lovett, Jesse Brown, Timothy Mason, Holliman Potter, Levi Ballou, David Ballou, Charles Bennett, David Sayles, Jedediah Jenckes, Joseph Mowry, Abner Bartlett, James Lovett, Jesse Ballou, Jeremiah Inman, Daniel Bartlett, Pelatiah Ballou, Benjamin Lovett, Charles Capron, Asa Bartlett, Stephen Whipple, John Alexander, Jesse Armsberry, Joseph Capron, Asa Capron, Jeremiah Scott, Jeptah Wilkinson, John Jenckes, Jeremiah Scott, jun. Welcome Jenckes, Gideon Brown, Amos Follett, Joseph Whipple, John Rogers, William Balkcom, Seth Capron, James Lapham, Benjamin Hall, Joseph Follett, Ezekiel Ballou, Nathan Jillson, Amaziah Weatherhead, Otis Walcott, John Lapham, William Aldrich, jun. Wheaton Clarke, David Bartlett, Elija Capron, Hopkins Whipple, Jonathan Mason, Bani Bartlett, Joseph Raze, David Ray, Benjamin Follett, Abijah Ballou, Philip Capron, and Thomas Joslin*, and such others as they may elect, and their Successors, shall forever hereafter be a Body politic and corporate in Fact and Name, by the Name of *The Catholic Baptist Society*, in *Cumberland*, with perpetual Succession. And the said *Catholic Society* is hereby authorized to take receive and hold, all and any voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies and Donations, of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate, also to have and hold, by Purchase, Gift or otherwise, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels and other Estates; of all which they shall and may stand seized and possessed, notwithstanding any Misnomer of the Corporation, or Mistake or Imperfection in the Description thereof; provided the Meaning of the Granter or Benefactor be evident.—And the said *Catholic Society* is authorized to take, hold and stand seized of the Estates aforesaid, to and for their own Use, and Benefit, and the Support of the Ministry, of Schools, or of the Poor, according to the Will of the Donors: And to let or lease, sell, or otherwise alien, according to the Intent of each particular Donation respectively, such real Estate as they, as aforesaid, may hereafter be seized of; and to let Monies on Bonds, or Mortgages, or other Securities.

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AND be it further Enacted, That the said *Catholic Society* shall and may be capable in Law, as a Body corporate, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, before all Courts and Ministers of the Law, in all Cases, Suits and Actions of whatsoever Name or Nature, in the Name of their Treasurer for the Time being: And shall and may have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, break and make anew at their pleasure.

AND be it further Enacted, That there shall be an annual Meeting of the said Society, in said *Cumberland*, on the Second *Monday* of *June*, annually forever; at which time they shall elect out of their own Body a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, and such other Officers as they may think necessary: And the Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their respective Trusts. And there shall also be a *Quarterly-Meeting* of the said Society on the Second *Mondays* of *September*, *December* and *March* in every Year forever. And the said Society shall and may appoint such and any other Meeting or Meetings as they may think expedient, for the Purpose of accomplishing the Objects of their Association: And all Questions shall be determined by a Majority of the Members present.

AND be it further Enacted, that *Zotham Carpenter* be the First Moderator, *John Rogers* the First Treasurer, and *Setb Capron* the First Clerk, to continue in their respective Offices until the Second *Monday* of *June* next.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said *Catholic Society*, at any of their Meetings, may elect such Persons as they shall think proper to become Members of the same, and make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, and alter the same, as they from Time to Time shall judge necessary for the good Order of said Society: *Provided*, That such Rules, Orders and By-Laws be not contrary to the Laws of this Government. And any Seven Members of said *Catholic Society*, convened at any regular Meeting, the Moderator, Treasurer or Clerk always to be One, are hereby declared to be a *Quorum* of said Society.

AND be it further Enacted, That all Donation, of whatsoever Kind, or howsoever made to said *Catholic Society*, together with the Names of the Donors, and the Purposes and Uses for which said Donations shall be made, shall be entered on Record by the Clerk for the Time being; and also their yearly Income, and its appropriations, from Time to Time forever: And that the Treasurer's Accounts be exhibited and audited at every annual Meeting of the said Society.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, That if ever the whole Number of the said *Catholic Society*, for the Time being, shall be reduced to a less Number than Seven, then and in such Case all Monies, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books and

and Papers of every Kind, together with all the Estate both real and personal at the Time belonging to the said *Catholic Society*, shall be given up to, and the sole Property thereof be vested in, the Baptist Church or Churches in said *Cumberland*; for whose Use and Benefit the said *Catholic Society* is instituted, to be received by a Committee by them appointed for the Purpose; and shall be appropriated by them to the said Purposes, Trusts and Uses, specified by the Donors to the said *Catholic Society*, or to which they are by this Charter empowered to appropriate the same, and no otherwise.

PROVIDED furthermore and be it further Enacted, That the said *Catholic Society* shall have Power to raise Monies, by selling the Pew-Ground, to finish the said Meeting-House, and for the Good of said Society as they may think necessary; but that no Taxes shall ever be laid on said Pews hereafter without the consent of the Owner or Owners of such Pew or Pews. And in Case at any Time hereafter, through Misapprehensions or mistaken Constructions of the Powers contained in this Charter any Laws shall be enacted, or any Matters or Things done or transacted by this Corporation, contrary to the Tenor hereof, such Acts, Laws and Doings shall be in themselves null and void; but shall never be adjudged into an Avoidance, Defeasance or Forfeiture of this Charter; but the same shall remain entire to the said Corporation in perpetual Succession forever. And all their Acts conformable to its Powers, Tenor, true Intent and Meaning shall be and remain of full Force and legal Validity.

WHEREAS divers of the Members of the *Catholic Baptist Society* in *Cumberland*, to wit: *Jotham Carpenter, Whipple Lovett, Jessie Brown, Timothy Mason, Holliman Potter, Levi Ballou, David Ballou, Charles Bennett, David Sayles, Jedediah Jenckes, Joseph Mowry, Abner Bartlett, James Lovett, John Rogers, and Seth Capron*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that they are desirous of erecting a Meeting-House, for the public Worship of Almighty God, in the said Town, somewhere opposite to the Dwelling-House of *John Alexander*, on the West Side of the *Mendon Road*; and prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery, to raise the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* for that Purpose:

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted; and that the said Petitioners be empowered to set forth a Lottery upon such Scheme as they shall think proper, for raising the said Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, for the said Purpose, and to appoint the Managers for the same; the said Directors to give Bond to the General-Treasurer, for the faithful Discharge of their Trust, in the full Amount of the Tickets the said Lottery shall consist of.

WHEREAS Messrs. *Samuel Thurber, jun. Benjamin Turpin, and Stephen Randall*, preferred a Petition, and represented to this Assembly

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bly, that they, together with *Sylvanus Martin, Isaac Pitman, and Ebenezer Macomber*, were appointed by this Assembly, at the Session in February, A. D. 1791, Managers of *Providence Street Lottery*, and carried through Two Classes of the same; but from the great Number of Lotteries granted before, and in the Years 1791 and 1792, they found it impossible to dispose of the whole of their Tickets, and were obliged to draw the said Classes with a great Number of Tickets on Hand, which proved unfortunate; notwithstanding which they continued to work upon the said Street until it was finished to the Approbation of the Town-Council of the said Town of *Providence*, and in so doing advanced large Sums of Money more than the Proceeds of the said Lottery: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them Liberty to make another Class on the Principles of the aforesaid Act, to raise a Sum sufficient to reimburse to them the Money advanced as aforesaid, not exceeding the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, and that the Residue, after paying the Money so advanced, if any, be placed in the Town-Treasury of the said Town of *Providence*, to be hereafter applied to the repairing of the said Street: And the said Petition being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer thereof be, and the same is hereby, granted.

Lottery
granted for a
Meeting-
House in
Providence.

WHEREAS Messrs. *John Dorrance, Joseph Nightingale, Andrew Dexter, James Burrill, Gershom Jones, John Spurr, Abner Daggett, and Samuel Nightingale*, the Committee of the Congregational Society, on the East Side of the River in the Town of *Providence*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that they were appointed for the Purpose of building a Meeting-House for the said Society, for public Worship, and by a very liberal Subscription, in Proportion to the Numbers of the said Society, and their Ability have been enabled to erect, and partly to finish, the said House; but that by an extraordinary and unexpected Rise of the Price of Labour and Materials, they find themselves unable to proceed without some further Assistance: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Five Thousand Dollars*, to be applied to the completing of the said Meeting-House: Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Petition, be granted; that the Petitioners have Liberty to raise, by Lottery, the said Sum of *Five Thousand Dollars*, for the Purpose aforesaid: And that they be empowered to appoint the Managers thereof, who, before they proceed, shall give Bond to the General-Treasurer, for the faithful Performance of their Trust, in the penal Sum of the Amount of all the Tickets they shall offer for Sale, by the Scheme or Schemes they shall set forth.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. George Champlin, and Christopher Fowler be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to burn Interest Certificates received into the General-Treasury, in payment of Taxes.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed, by the Lower House of Assembly, to examine the Account charged against the State, by Richard Smith, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Bristol, for repairing the Windows of the State-House in that County, for Attendance upon the Courts, and for delivering to the proper Officers Schedules, Proclamations, and Commissions, presented unto this Assembly, the following Report, *to wit*:

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, we have examined the Account of Richard Smith, Esq. and find the Sum of *Four Pounds Seven Shillings*, due thereon.

CHRISTOPHER FOWLER,
CHARLES LIPPITT,
THOMAS ALLIN, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be accepted; that the said Sum of Four Pounds Seven Shillings be paid to the said Richard Smith, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, in full Discharge of the said Account: And that the Resolution of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, granting him One Pound Nine Shillings and Six Pence be repealed.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Eight Shillings be allowed and paid to Messrs. George Champlin, and Christopher Fowler, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Account, for their Services as a Committee to audit the Accounts, of the General-Treasurer, to burn Loan Money in the Grand-Committee's Office, and on the Petition of Mrs. Rebekab Clarke.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-four Pounds, be allowed and paid to Joshua Bicknall, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending the Terms of the said Court during the last Circuit.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nine Shillings be allowed and paid to Mr. Edward Thurston, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Time and Horseshire in going to Oliver Durfee, Esq. at Middletown, by Order of the Court of Common Pleas in Newport.

T. Tillinghast allowed £.3 12. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings be allowed and paid to Thomas Tillinghast, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending the Terms of the said Court during the last Circuit; and for divers other Services out of Term-Time.*

E. Barras allowed £.3 for French Exiles. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds be allowed and paid to Elizabeth Barras, Administratrix of Isaac Barras, late of Warren, Physician, deceased, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit, emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Medicines and Attendance upon certain French Exiles from St. Domingo.*

J. Smith allowed £.3 12. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings be allowed and paid to John Smith, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Blankets furnished for the Use of poor Prisoners, in the Gaol at Providence committed at the Suit of the State.*

E. Lawton allowed £.5 14 10. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ten Pence be allowed and paid to Mr. Edward Lawton, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Support of Toney Rome, a State's Pauper, for Cloaths furnished him, and for the Expences of his last Sicknes and Burial.*

Providence allowed £.14 8, for the Support of French Exiles. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings be allowed and paid to the Town-Treasurer of the Town of Providence, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of an Account charged against the State, by the said Town, for the Support of distressed French Exiles from St. Domingo, which hath been examined and allowed by the Town-Council of that Town.*

Grant to Bristol for of Bristol, for the Support of French Exiles from St. Domingo, £.43 10 8. *WHEREAS an Account charged against the State, by the Town of Bristol, for the Support of distressed French Exiles from St. Domingo, hath been examined and allowed by the Town-Council of the said Town, and exhibited to this Assembly; which Account was, by the Lower House of Assembly, referred to a Committee, who made the following Report thereon, to wit:*

We the Subscribers, having examined the Account of the Town of Bristol, for the Support of French Exiles, do report, that we find the Sum of Forty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight Pence due thereon.

*JOHN SMITH,
NICHOLAS TAYLOR, } Committee.*

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On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Forty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight Pence* be paid to the Town-Treasurer of the said Town of *Bristol*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Pounds Eighteen Shillings V. Gardner*, and a *Penny Halfpenny* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Vincent Gardner* ^{allowed} out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit *L. 12 18 1½* emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for boarding *Rutter Gardner*, a State Pauper, from the 7th of *April* to the 5th of *January*, *A. D. 1795*, for furnishing him with Cloaths, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-one Pounds Eight Shillings N. Phillips* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Nathaniel Phillips*, out of the General- ^{allowed} Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, *L. 21 8.* at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Printing done for the State to the present Time.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifty-seven Pounds* be allowed and ^{D. Owen al-} paid to *Daniel Owen*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, ^{lowed L. 57.} or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attend- upon the Terms of the said Court from *March*, *A. D. 1794*, to the present Time.

WHEREAS *Stephen Jenckes, jun.* Esq. exhibited unto this Assembly ^{S. Jenckes,} an Account, by him charged against the State, for repairing *Paw-* ^{jun allowed} *tucket Bridge*; which was, by the Lower House of Assembly, refer- *L. 32 15 5½* red to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers, have carefully examined the Account of *Stephen Jenckes, jun.* Esq. and find the same, amounting to *Thirty-three Pounds Five Shillings and Five Pence Halfpenny*, rightly cast, and supported by proper Vouchers; and that, deducting for old *Chesnut Plank*, sold for *Ten Shillings*, there is a Balance due to him thereon, of *Thirty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Five Pence Halfpenny*.

NICHOLAS EASTON, ^{Committee.}
NOAH MATHEWSON, ^{Committee.}

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Thirty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Five Pence Halfpenny* be paid to the said *Stephen Jenckes, jun.* out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

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*J. Niles al-
lowed
L. 13 0 6.* WHEREAS *Jonathan Niles, Esq.* Sheriff of the County of Kent, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State, commencing November 8th, 1793, and ending the last of October last, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, and the Courts in the said County, for transmitting the Schedules, Commissions, Proclamations, &c. to the proper Persons in that County, and for Wood and Candles supplied for the Use of this Assembly, and the Courts, which was, by the Lower House of Assembly referred to a Committee, who made a Report thereon as follows, *to wit* :

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, we have examined the Account of *Jonathan Niles, Esq.* and find the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds and Six Pence* due to him thereon.

THOMAS ALLIN,
CHARLES LIPPITT,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Thirteen Pounds and Six Pence* be paid to the said *Jonathan Niles*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit, emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, in full Discharge thereof; and that the Resolve of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, granting him *Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six Pence* be repealed.

THE following Report was presented to this Assembly, *to wit* :

To the Honorable the General Assembly.

Report on
Pawtucket
Bridge.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed, at the last Session, a Committee to examine the Bridge over *Pawtucket-Falls*, and to direct what Repairs should be made thereon, do report, that on the 8th Day of November, A. D. 1794, we went and viewed the same, and directed *Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.* who was appointed to repair the said Bridge, to procure Three new String-Pieces and Plank sufficient to secure it for the present; and to proceed to get a new Set of Three Inch Plank, and a sufficient Quantity of Timber, for repairing the same next Summer. All which is submitted by

JOHN SMITH,
NOAH MATHEWSON, } Committee.
EDWARD SMITH,

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

Support for
French Ex-
iles in Prov-
idence.

UPON the Petition of *Mr. Marrot*, a French Exile from *St. Domingo*,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same Allowance as was granted, at the last Session of this Assembly, to the said *Marrot*, for the Support

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Support of his Family, be continued until the End of the Month of April next, if he shall remain so long in the State, under the Direction of the Town-Council of Providence.

An ACT for appointing Administrators in the Places of Executors and Administrators absent Three Years, and unheard of.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That when any Person belonging to this State, and being an Executor or Administrator, shall have departed from this State, and remained absent, and unheard of, for Three Years, the Town-Council of the Town where such departed Person last dwelt, shall be, and hereby is, authorized and empower-
ed, upon Application to them made for that Purpose, to appoint an Administrator or Administrators on the Estate or Estates, of which such departed Persons were Executors or Administrators: That such Appointment be voidable upon the Return of such departed Person: And that this Act take Place and be in Force immediately.

An ACT in Amendment of an Act entitled
“ An Act regulating the Proceedings in Cases of Bastardy;” and of an Act passed in September, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, entitled “ An ACT in addition to an Act entitled an Act regulating the Proceedings in Cases of Bastardy.”

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That the First, Second and last Paragraphs of an Act, entitled, “ An Act regulating the Proceedings in Cases of Bastardy,” passed in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-two, and the last Paragraph of an Act passed in September, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, entitled, “ An Act in Addition to an Act, entitled An Act regulating the Proceedings in Cases of Bastardy,” establishing the Jurisdiction of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in Cases of Bastardy, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Act Amend-
ing the Laws
respecting
Bastardy.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon the Examination of any unmarried Woman, taken on Oath in Writing, in Consequence of a Complaint made under the Hand of One or more of the Overseers of the Poor, of the Town where such unmarried Woman shall live, that she is with Child, it shall be lawful for any Justice

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Justice of the Peace or Warden of such Town to grant forth a Warrant or Summons, against the Person whom she shall so charge with begetting her with Child ; which Warrant or Summons, in Case the Person so charged shall live or may be found in any other Town in the County, then the Town liable to become chargeable for the Support of such Child, when born, shall be directed to the Sheriff of the County, his Deputy, or to the Town-Sergeant of the Town where such unmarried Woman shall live ; and such Town-Sergeant is hereby authorized and empowered to execute such Warrant or Summons in any Town in the County ; but, if the Person so charged shall live in the same Town with such unmarried Woman, the Warrant or Summons may be directed to the Sheriff, his Deputy, or to the Town-Sergeant, or to either of the Constables of such Town : That when the Party accused shall appear before any such Justice of the Peace or Warden, if he can offer no satisfactory Reason that he is innocent, he shall enter into a Recognizance, with One or more Sureties, at the Discretion of the Justice of the Peace or Warden, to appear at the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery to be holden in and for the County in which such Complaint may originate ; and if he shall refuse to enter into such Recognizance the Justice of the Peace or Warden shall commit him to the common Gaol, there to remain until he shall be, by due Course of Law ; delivered therefrom : And that the said Superior Court, if Recognizance be entered into, and the Woman be not delivered, may order a Continuance of the Recognizance to their next Term, and so on from Court to Court until the Woman shall be delivered, to the End that an Order may be made.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That after any Bastard Child shall be born in any Town in this State, whether such Child be born alive, or be still-born, or being born alive shall die before an Order be made, and no Examination had before the Birth of such Child, it shall be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace or Wardens, living in the Town where such Child shall be born, upon Examination of the Woman by them taken on Oath, and upon the Complaint of the Overseers of the Poor for such Town, to grant forth a Warrant for the Person whom the Mother of the Child shall charge on Oath with begetting such Child ; or in Case the Mother shall have, before the Birth of such Child, charged any Person upon Oath, as aforesaid, with begetting the same, then, upon the Birth of such Child, a Warrant shall be issued in like Manner against the Person so accused, provided he shall live or may be found in the same County, which Warrant or Warrants shall be directed and served as is herein before directed : That when the accused Person shall appear, if the Woman, on being examined anew on Oath, shall continue constant in her Accusation, and no Plea or Proof be produced sufficient to satisfy the Justices or Wardens, who shall have taken Cognizance of the Case, that he is innocent, they shall adjudge him to be the putative or reputed Father of the Child, and make an Order for it's Maintenance : And that if the Person accused

cused shall be dissatisfied with the Order he may appeal therefrom to the Term of the said Superior Court, to be holden in the County in which the Child shall be born, upon paying down the Costs that shall have then accrued, and entering into a Recognizance, with One or more Sureties, for his Appearance and abiding by such Order as shall be made by the said Superior Court, and, in Default of such Order to be then made or taken by the said Superior Court, to perform the Order already made; but, if he shall not pray an Appeal, the Justices or Wardens who shall have issued the Order are hereby empowered and directed to commit him, if he shall refuse or neglect to give Bond to perform their Order.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Order, made in Manner as aforesaid, for the Maintenance of a Bastard Child, shall be brought before the said Superior Court by Appeal, the said Court be, and hereby is, fully empowered to alter or amend the same if it shall appear to be extravagant or any Way defective; but shall not quash or reverse it, unless it be made to appear that there is no sufficient Reason to adjudge the Person charged with the Maintenance of the Child to be the putative Father thereof. Any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case such Bastard Child shall die, or cease to be chargeable to the Town in which born, the Justices or Wardens, who shall have made the Order, shall make a just Estimate of all reasonable Expences that ought to be paid by the Person bound, and be, and hereby are, fully empowered to issue a Warrant for collecting the same: But, in Case the Person against whom such Order shall be made shall be dissatisfied with such Estimate, he may appeal to the said Superior Court to be next holden in the County wherein such Town lieth; which Court shall be, and hereby is, empowered to hear and finally determine between the Parties.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in any County where, at the Time of any Charge being made against a Person as the putative Father of a Bastard Child, the Person so charged shall not live within such County, the Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for such County for the Time being, shall have and exercise concurrent Power and Authority with any Assistant, or Justice of the said Superior Court, in all Matters whatever respecting Cases of Bastardy, agreeably to the Laws in Force respecting Bastardy.

*It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where Complaint shall be made and substantiated to the Authority aforesaid, after the Birth of a Bastard still-born Child, as aforesaid, the Words in the Form of the Order prescribed by the aforesaid Act, passed in the Year 1752, shall be varied as follows, *to wit*: After the words "and thereupon do order, as well for the Relief of the said Town of N." the following Words shall be inserted instead of*

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those for the future Maintenance of the Child, *to wit*: "As for paying the necessary Charges which have accrued for the Expences and Trouble which have arisen for rendering Comfort and Sustenance to the Mother of such still-born Child, and of decently interring it, that the said G. H. shall forthwith, upon Sight of this Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Town, for the Time being, the Sum of in Satisfaction for the Expence and Trouble aforesaid;" all the other Parts of which Order, in such Case shall be of the Form of the Order above recited.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in Force and take Effect at the End of Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly: Provided nevertheless, That until the Expiration of that Time, the same or any Part thereof shall not extend to, or operate upon, any Appeals as aforesaid, prayed for, before the Expiration of the said Ten Days; but on all such Appeals, and all Matters heretofore, by the said former Laws, cognizable before the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace, the Jurisdiction of the said Court shall be maintained, agreeably to the said former Laws.

UPON the Petition of a very considerable Number of the Inhabitants of this State, representing the great Advantages that will accrue to the Public, from laying out a Road from Pawcatuck Bridge to Providence, in as direct a Course as may be, and praying that a Committee may be appointed for that Purpose:

Committee to lay out a Road from Pawcatuck Bridge to Providence. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Jonathan Comstock, Esq. Rowse Babcock, Esq. Noah Mathewson, Esq. Mr. Thomas Waterman, and James Rhoades, Esq. be, and they, or any Three of them, are hereby, appointed a Committee to lay out a Road in the most direct Way from Pawcatuck Bridge to Providence: That they make Report to this Assembly, as soon as may be; and that the State be at no other Expence than that of the Committee for laying out the said Road.*

An ACT in Amendment of an Act passed, at the Session held in October, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-four, directing the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office to put in Suit the Bonds, given in that Office, for Loan-Money.

Amendment of the Act for putting the Bonds given for Loan-Money in Suit.

B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority therefore of it is hereby Enacted, That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office be, and he is hereby, directed to put in Suit the Bonds

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Bonds given in the said Office, for the Bills of Credit emitted in *May, A. D. 1786*, which are now due, at any Time previous to Twenty Days before the Sitting of the First Court of Common Pleas, in the County where the Obligors reside; and that he put in Suit the other Bonds given in the said Office, for the said Bills of Credit, in the same Manner, as they shall become due.

WHEREAS, in Consequence of the Sitting of this Assembly at the present Session, Inconveniences may arise from Declarations and Answers to the Court of Common Pleas, to be holden in the County of Washington, on the Third Monday in February, A. D. 1795, not being filed in the usual Time :

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Answers to
Washington
Feb. Term.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Declarations, on all Actions brought to the said Term of the said Court, may be filed at any Time Five Days previous to the sitting of the said Court, and Answers at any Time before, or upon the First Day of, the Sitting thereof.

An ACT empowering the several Courts in this State to fine Jurors, for Neglect of Duty.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of, it is hereby Enacted, That the several Courts in this State be, and they are hereby, authorized to impose and levy upon the Courts em-
powered to fine Jurors for Neglect.
Jurors, returned to the said Courts respectively, such Fine or Fines, not exceeding Five Dollars, as they may think proper, for any Absence or Absences, Neglect or Neglects, which such Jurors may be guilty of during the Terms of the said Courts.

THE following Report was made unto this Assembly, *to wit* : Report of
the Loan-
Office Cer-
tificates in
the General
Treasury, &
in the Hands
of H. Sher-
burne, as
Trustee.

One Certificate, bearing an Interest of 6 per Cent. from January 1st. A. D. 1795,	Dolls. Cents.
	199,740 67
One Ditto, bearing Interest at the same Rate, from January 1st. A. D. 1801,	99,870 33
One Ditto, bearing an Interest of 3 per Cent. from January 1st, A. D. 1795,	59,922 20
	359,533 20

HENRY SHERBURN, General Treasurer.

Newport, January 24th, 1795.

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HENRY SHERBURNE, as Trustee for the State, respectfully informs the Honorable General Assembly, that he holds Two Certificates, bearing an Interest of 6 per Cent. from January, 1st, A. D. 1791, and April 1st, A. D. 1794,	Dolls. Cents.
Two Certificates, bearing Interest at the same Rate from January 1st, A. D. 1801,	18,787 63
Two Certificates, bearing an Interest of 3 per Cent. from January, 1st, A. D. 1791,	11,233 32
	5,431 3
	<hr/> 35,451 98

HENRY SHERBURNE.

Newport, January 24th, 1795.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Reports be, and the same are hereby, accepted.

An ACT, establishing and regulating Fees.

Table of Fees.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, of it is Enacted, That the Establishment of the Fees of the several Officers in this State, for the Services herein after mentioned, be as follows, *to wit*:

<i>The General Assembly shall be allowed,</i>	<i>l. s. d.</i>
For every Petition preferred to the General Assembly, to be divided between the Two Houses; to the Upper House One Third, and to the Lower House Two Thirds,	0 6 0
<i>The Governor shall be allowed,</i>	
For every Commission he shall sign for any Officer in the State,	0 1 6
For every Bill of Cost allowed on Appeal to the General Council, as the Supreme Court of Probate,	0 1 0
<i>The Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, shall be allowed,</i>	
For the Entry of every Action or Petition,	0 18 0
For every Writ granted out of Court,	0 1 6
For every Bill of Cost allowed,	0 0 6
<i>The Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, shall be allowed,</i>	
For the Entry of every Action or Petition,	0 2 3
For every Special Court called, if an Answer be filed, and the Judges meet,	0 18 0
But if no Answer be filed,	0 4 0

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The Secretary shall be allowed,

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For draughting, and preparing for the Press, the Acts and Laws of the General Assembly, each, to be paid out of the General-Treasury,	0 1 0
For each Commission to the civil and military Officers, and affixing the Seal of the State thereto, to be paid out of the General-Treasury,	0 1 6
For every special Warrant or Mittimus, by Order of the Governor and Council,	0 1 0
For every Bond,	0 0 9
For every Certificate for the Payment of Money out of the General-Treasury, by Order of the General Assembly,	0 0 7
For every Petition to the General Assembly, or Governor and Council,	0 0 8
For recording the Acts and Laws of the General Assembly, for every lawful Page containing Two Hundred Words,	0 0 9
For all Copies, for every lawful Page,	0 0 6
For attending upon the General Assembly, or General Council, by the Day,	0 12 0
For affixing the State Seal to any Writing, for the Public,	0 0 9
For every Page of the Acts and Laws of the General Assembly sent out in Print,	0 0 1
For making a Certificate, and affixing the Seal of the State to any Writing to be sent abroad, wherein the State is not concerned,	0 4 0
For preparing a List of Officers to be chosen, their Order, and a List of the Persons in Office the preceding Year, for the Use of the General Assembly at the Annual General Elections,	0 12 0
For searching the Records, by the Hour,	0 0 6
For allowing every Bill of Cost upon Petitions to the General Assembly, and upon Appeals to the General Council,	0 0 6

The Attorney-General shall be allowed,

For every Bill of Indictment, drawn and found by the Grand Jury,	0 9 0
For Discharge of every Person on Bond to the Peace,	0 2 0
For every Cause argued to the Court or Jury, on behalf of the State in criminal Cases,	0 12 0
For every Day's Attendance upon the General Assembly, and the Court, to be proved by a Certificate from the Secretary, and the respective Clerks of the several Courts, and paid out of the General-Treasury,	0 4 6

The Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly shall be allowed,

For attending the General Assembly, by the Day,	0 12 0
For the Entry of every Petition,	0 0 6

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For taxing a Bill of Cost upon Petition to the General Assembly,
And in all other Cases, the same Fees as the Clerk of the Superior Court.

○ ○ 6

The Clerks of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, shall be allowed,

For the Entry of every Action or Petition, ○ 1 6
For filing every Reason of Appeal, Petition, Motion,

or Objection,

For every interlocutory Judgment, ○ ○ 6

For all Copies, for every lawful Page, ○ ○ 6

For every Action called, ○ ○ 4

For drawing and recording final Judgment upon Nihil dicit, ○ 1 6

Where the general Issue is plead, ○ 2 0

And in all Cases where there are further Pleadings, ○ 3 0

For swearing every Witness, ○ ○ 3

For a Writ of Execution, and the Indorsement, ○ 1 6

For every other Writ, ○ 1 0

For entering a Rule of Court, ○ ○ 9

For copying Rule, and Writ to Referrees, ○ 2 0

For every Bond, or Recognizance, taken in Court, ○ 1 0

For filing all other Bonds, or Recognizances, ○ ○ 4

For every Bill of Indictment found, ○ ○ 6

For reading the same, ○ ○ 6

For entering Plea on the same, ○ ○ 6

For drawing and reading Sentences, ○ 1 6

For drawing and recording final Judgment upon Indictment, ○ 3 0

For every Person summoned, ○ ○ 2

For every Paper in a Case, ○ ○ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

For every Discontinuance, or Default, ○ ○ 3

For Discharge of every Bond, or Recognizance, ○ ○ 4

For every Petition read in Court, ○ ○ 4

For recording Judgment thereon, ○ 1 6

For every Citation, or Notification, ○ 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

For searching the Records, by the Hour, ○ ○ 6

For attending the Court, by the Day, ○ 3 0

For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Record, ○ ○ 6

For taxing and examining the Bill of Cost in every Case, ○ ○ 9

The Clerks of the Court of Common Pleas shall be allowed,

For every Writ and Seal, ○ ○ 4

For the Entry of every Action or Petition, ○ ○ 9

For drawing and recording final Judgment upon Nihil dicit, ○ ○ 9

where the General Issue is plead, ○ 1 0

and in all Cases where there are further Pleadings, ○ 2 0

For

For all Copies, for every lawful Page,	o	o	6
For every Noli prosequi, Discontinuance, Nonsuit, Retraxit, Nihil dicit, or Default,	o	o	3
For a Writ of Execution, and the Indorsement,	o	1	4
For all other Writs, other than Summons for Vouchers,	o	1	0
For filing every Declaration, Plea, Reason of Appeal, Motion, Objection, or Answer,	o	o	3
For every interlocutory Judgment,	o	o	4
For every Action called,	o	o	3
For entering a Rule of Court,	o	o	9
For Copy of a Rule, and a Writ to the Referrees,	o	2	0
For every Bond in the Clerk's Office, and where the Attorney becomes bound the same Fee,	o	o	6
For every Person summoned,	o	o	2
For every Paper in a Case,	o	o	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
For searching the Records, by the Hour,	o	o	6
For taxing and examining the Bill of Cost, in every Case,	o	o	6
For swearing every Witness,	o	o	2
For entering Appearance,	o	o	2
For attending the Court, by the Day,	o	1	6
For recording every Deputation, or Revocation thereof, by the Sheriff,	o	o	9
For Summons for Vouchers,	o	2	0
For acknowledging Satisfaction of Judgment upon Re- cord,	o	o	6

*The Clerks of the General Sessions of the Peace shall be
allowed,*

For the Entry of every Indictment,	o	o	9
For drawing and recording final Judgment thereon,	o	2	0
For drawing and filing Recognizance,	o	1	0
For filing Recognizance, if drawn,	o	o	3
For the discharge of every Recognizance,	o	o	3
For a Warrant for the Peace, or good Behaviour,	o	o	9

*In all other Respects the same as the Clerks of the
Common Pleas; excepting that they shall not be
allowed Wages by the Day.*

Justices of the Peace and Wardens shall be allowed,

For a Writ upon Note or Book-Account,	o	o	9
For a Writ on other Actions,	o	1	0
For the Entry of every Action,	o	o	3
For every Summons for a Witness,	o	o	3
For annexing an Account,	o	o	2
For administering an Oath or Engagement,	o	o	2
For Judgment,	o	1	6
For recording the same, or Recognizance,	o	o	9
For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,	o	o	9
For an Appeal Bond,	o	o	6
For a Writ of Execution, and the Indorsement,	o	o	9

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For a Bond or Recognizance, other than to the Peace
or good Behaviour.

0 0 6

For all Copies, for every lawful Page,

0 0 6

For taking the Acknowledgment of any Instrument,

0 0 6

For marrying Persons,

0 4 6

For recording Confession of Judgment,

0 0 6

For every Paper in a Case,

0 0 1

For a Complaint and Warrant,

0 1 6

For drawing and taxing a Bill of Cost,

0 0 3

and the same Fees in Criminal as in Civil Actions.

The Town-Council shall be allowed,

For the Probate of a Will where the Inventory does
not exceed *Ten Pounds*,

0 2 0

For every *Ten Pounds* over that Sum, not exceeding
Three Hundred Pounds,

0 0 4

For every *Ten Pounds* over *Three Hundred Pounds*,
and the same Poundage upon the Inventory where no

0 0 1½

Will appears.

*The Town-Clerks, and Clerks of the Town-Council, shall be
allowed,*

For entering a Caveat against the Probate of a Will,
or granting Letters of Administration,

0 0 4

For Citation to the Parties concerned,

0 1 0

For taking Bond and granting Letters of Administra-
tion, or Testamentary,

0 1 8

For registering and copying, for every lawful Page,

0 0 6

For every Summons, or Citation other than the above,

0 0 4

For a Bond and Letter of License for the selling of Li-
quors under the Seal of the Council,

0 2 0

For recording every Certificate of Marriage and Certi-
fying the same,

0 0 9

For recording every Birth or Death,

0 0 4

For searching the Records, by the Hour,

0 0 6

For a Certificate acknowledging the Inhabitancy of any
Person,

0 0 6

The Public Notaries shall be allowed,

For drawing a Protest, swearing the Witnesses, and re-
gistering the same,

0 9 0

For recording all Instruments, for every lawful Page,

0 0 9

The Sheriffs shall be allowed,

For serving a Writ if not more than a Mile from the
Court-House, or Place of Appearance,

0 0 8

if more than a Mile,

0 0 6

For every Mile's Travel out beyond a Mile, and the
same back,

0 0 1½

For attending a Prisoner before Commitment,

0 1 0

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For the Copy of a Writ, or Warrant,	o o 6
For attending the General Assembly, the Superior Court, and Court of Common Pleas, by the Day,	o 4 6
For a Bail Bond in civil Actions, and when Bail is taken by Indorsement on the Writ,	o o 9
For a Bond to the Peace or good Behaviour,	o o 4
For serving all Executions where a Party is committed to Gaol,	o o 9
For serving all Executions, where the Money due there- on is collected, not exceeding Twenty Shillings,	o 3 0
If above Twenty Shillings, and not exceeding Forty Shil- lings,	o 1 6
If above Forty Shillings, and not exceeding Five Pounds,	o 2 0
If above Five Pounds, and not exceeding Ten Pounds,	o 3 6
If above Ten Pounds, and not exceeding Twenty Pounds,	o 4 0
If above Twenty Pounds, and not exceeding Thirty Pounds, And for all Executions above Thirty Pounds, Two Pence on each Pound; none of the less Sums to be included in the greater,	o 4 6
For travelling Fees to serve Executions, the same as to serve Writs,	o o 5
For turning the Key on every Prisoner committed,	o o 6
For Discharge of every Person upon Bail to the Gov- ernor and Company,	o o 9
For serving a Writ or Execution, returnable to any Court out of the County where the same is served, the same Travel per Mile as if returnable to a Court in the County where served,	o o 4
For serving a Summons, if not more than a Mile from the Court-House, or Place of Appearance,	o o 4
If more than a Mile, the same travelling Fees as for serv- ing Writs,	o o 4
For delivering Possession of Lands and Tenements, while actually employed by the Day,	o 4 6
For advertising, and selling at public Vendue, real or personal Estate, if under Fifty Pounds, Two per Cent. if over Fifty Pounds and under One Hundred, One and an Half per Cent. and for all over One Hun- dred Pounds, One per Cent. over and above Poundage,	o 4 6
For serving Warrants, and other criminal Pro- cesses, the same as for serving Writs.	o 4 6

The Coroner shall be allowed,

For taking every Inquisition,	o 4 6
Besides the above Fee, for each Day for every Inqui- sition by him taken,	o 3 0
Each Juror shall be allowed, by the Day,	o 2 0

Town-Sergeants, and Constables shall be allowed,

For Travel, and for serving Writs and Warrants, the same as the Sheriff.	For
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For each Case at a Court of Justices,	o o 9
For a Bail Bond in civil Actions,	o o 9
and where Bail is taken by Indorsement on the Writ,	o o 4
For Copy of a Writ or Warrant,	o o 6
For serving a Summons and Travel, the same as the Sheriff,	
For Attendance upon the General Assembly, on the Superior Court, and on the Courts of Common Pleas, by the Day,	o 4 6

Other Fees allowed in Court,

For Attorney's and Council's Fees ; One only to be taxed in the Bill of Cost,	o 5 0
For the Attendance of every Witness, by the Day,	o 1 6
And for his Travel, by the Mile,	o o 3
For the Jury, to be paid down by the Plaintiff or Ap- pellant,	1 10 0
For the Attendance of the Party recovering Judgment by the Day,	o o 9
and but Two Days to be allowed in a Nihil dicit Case,	
For a Letter of Attorney and the Acknowledgement,	o o 8
For the Travel of every Plaintiff or Defendant recov- ering Cost, per Mile,	o o 3
For the Attendance of each Grand Juror, by the Day,	o 3 0
For the actual Attendance of the Sheriff or other Offi- cers on Justices Courts, by the Day,	o 1 6
One Attendance only to be allowed, and such Attendance to be certified by the Justice,	
For Waiters upon the General Assembly, and Courts, by the Day,	o 4 6

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Officer in this State who shall serve any Process, civil or criminal, shall indorse thereon the several Items which constitute the Amount of his Fees : And that on Failure thereof, the same shall not be taxed in any Bill of Cost, nor be recoverable, by Law, from the Person or Persons on whom such Process was served, or the Person or Persons for whose Benefit such Service was made.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Witness, previous to his or her obtaining the Fees allowed for Witnesses in this Act, shall give a Certificate to the Clerk of the Court wherein his or her Attendance is given, certifying the Number of Days he or she shall have actually attended, by Virtue of the Summons calling him or her to Court, and of the Number of Miles he or she shall have travelled in Consequence of such Summons ; which Certificate shall be subject to the Examination of such Court, and such Allowance shall be made thereon as shall be lawfully due.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case any Officer in this State, whether judicial or executive, shall demand
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and receive of any of the Parties more or greater Fees than by this Act are allowed, he shall, upon Conviction thereof, forfeit and pay to the Person, or Persons aggrieved Ten-fold for the Sum he shall so unlawfully receive, with Costs of Prosecution, to be recovered by Bill, Plaintiff or Information before any Court proper to try the same.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of every Officer, appointed and empowered to tax and allow Costs, to reject all such unlawful Fees as may be charged, and to reduce them to lawful Fees in the Bill of Cost.

WHEREAS the following Report was made to this Assembly,
to wit :

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island, &c.

YOUR Committee, appointed at the Session held on the last Monday in February, A. D. 1792, to report such further Measures as we the North should think necessary to be taken, to establish the Claim of this State to Lands conterminous to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having considered the Subject, report,

THAT, in our Opinion, the Claim of Jurisdiction of the State of Rhode-Island to the Lands included by the Northern Boundary Line, as pointed out and run by their last Commissioners, according to the Plan or Draught made by Joseph Harriss, one of the Commissioners appointed to run the Line, in the Year 1750, is well founded and valid: And that it is absolutely necessary for the Preservation of the Peace and Harmony of both States that the said Boundary Line be settled: To obtain which the Mode recommended by the last Commissioners of both States appears most eligible to be first pursued:

THAT His Excellency the Governor of this State be requested to write to His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, proposing that they appoint Commissioners on Behalf of that State, with full Power to meet Commissioners to be appointed by this State, and to agree upon indifferent Men, as Referees or Arbitrators, to settle the Controversy between the Two States, and upon the Form and Procedure of Trial:

THAT the Doings of the said Referees shall be conclusive and binding upon both States.

YOUR Committee conceive the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will have no Objection to meeting this State upon the amicable Ground of Settlement herein proposed: But if a Settlement cannot be effected by this Mode, we conceive it necessary that a Suit be instituted by this State, in order to obtain a Decision of the Controversy,

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troversy, agreeably to the Principles and Provisions of the Constitution of the United States.

All which is submitted,

WELCOME ARNOLD,
PELEG ARNOLD,
THOMAS HOLDEN,
JONATHAN J. HAZARD,
DANIEL MOWRY,
JOHN S. DEXTER.

March 28, A. D. 1794.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Officers of
the Smith-
field Grena-
diers.

At the Request of the Independent Company named *The Smithfield Grenadiers*, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the following Persons be appointed to the Command of the said Company, until their annual Election, to wit:*

William Harris, Captain.	Samuel Thayer, Second Lieut.
Abab Mowry, First Lieut.	Christopher Dexter, Ensign.

Lottery
granted to
The Congre-
gational Se-
city in Lit-
tle-Compton.

WHEREAS the Congregational United Society of Little-Compton, granted to preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that this Assembly, in the Year 1786, granted them a Lottery to raise the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars, for the Purpose of building a House upon the Ministry Land, so called, in the said Town; that they were discouraged, by the Depreciation of the Bills of Credit emitted in that Year, from pursuing the said Lottery: But that, in full Confidence that this Assembly would, at some more convenient Time, continue to them the Grant aforesaid, they proceeded to build the said House: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to permit them to raise the said Sum, by Lottery as aforesaid; and that Messrs. *Peres Richmond, John Davis, Nathan Church, Edward Woodman, Andrew Taylor, and Thomas Briggs*, may be appointed Managers and Directors thereof, with Power to set forth the same upon such Scheme as they shall think proper; they giving Bond to the General-Treasurer, in the usual Manner, for the faithful Discharge of their Trust:

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

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An Act establishing a Company of Horse, by the Name of *The Independent Light Dragoons* of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of Government depends, in a great Measure, upon the military Skill and Discipline of the Inhabitants thereof: And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*, to wit: *William Illum- phry, William Brown, Gilbert Walker, Job Briggs, James Wiswell, ton, Thomas Thurston, Elisha Brown, Canaan Giffard, Jonathan Hilyard, Joseph Wilbour, Joseph Mancester, John Mancester, Jedediah Wood, Ezekiel Wilbour, Daniel Brown, Philip Gray, John Gray, Samuel Durfee, Pardon Gray, jun. William Corey, Thomas Gray, William Peirce, Benjamin Baley, George Baley, John Brown, Charles Iris, William Hunt, William Little, and Benjamin Richardson*, have offered themselves to begin, and with such others as shall be added to them, to form themselves into a Company of Horse, by the Name of *The Independent Light Dragoons* of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*; and by their Petition, prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, under such Restrictions and Limitations as this Assembly may think proper: Wherefore this Assembly, in order to give all Encouragement to so laudable an Undertaking,

HAVE ordained and granted, and do hereby ordain and grant, That the said Petitioners, with such others as shall hereafter join and be admitted by them, not exceeding Sixty Men, be, and they are hereby declared to be, an independent Company of Horse, by the Name of *The Independent Light Dragoons* of the Second Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Newport*; and that, by that Name, they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have all the Rights, Powers, Privileges and Honours, in this Grant hereafter mentioned.

FIRST. IT is Granted unto the said Company, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall and may once in every Year, *to wit*: On the last *Tuesday* of *April*, meet and assemble themselves in some convenient Place, to be by them appointed, and there choose One Captain, Two Lieutenants, One Cornet, and all other Officers necessary for the training, disciplining and well governing of the said Company of Horse; at which Election no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Voters then present, by Ballot, and not otherwise; and that the Captain, Lieutenants and Cornet, being approved by the Governor, for the Time being, shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner, as other military Officers are in this Government.

SECONDLY. THE said Company of Horse shall meet and exercise Four Times in each Year, and shall for the same Purpose, have Liberty to meet on such other Days as they shall think necessary;

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and that for Non-Attendance on each Day, or either of the quarterly Days, the following Fines shall be levied, to and for the Use of the said Company of Horse, *to wit* : The Captain *Twelve Shillings*, the Lieutenants *Ten Shillings*, each, and the Cornet *Eight Shillings*, to be levied by Warrant of Distress, from the commanding Officer for the Time being, directed to the Clerk, who shall execute the same.

THIRDLY. THE said Company of Horse, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of the Establishment, and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their Body, for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders, as they shall think proper, so as the same exceed not the Sum of *Twelve Shillings* for any Offence ; and shall have full Power to levy the Fines and Forfeitures they shall so impose, by a Warrant of Distress from the commanding Officer, for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FOURTHLY. ALL those who shall be duly inlisted into the said Company of Horse, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms or doing other military Duty in the several Companies or trained Bands, in whose Districts they respectively live ; excepting such as shall at any Time be Officers in any of the said Companies.

FIFTHLY. THE Commissioned Officers of the said Company of Horse shall, from Time to Time, be of the Court-Martial in the District in which they live,

SIXTHLY. If any Officer or Officers of the said Company of Horse, shall be disapproved of by the Governor, or shall remove out of the said Towns of *Tiverton* and *Little-Compton*, or shall die, the commanding Officer, for the Time being, shall call the said Company of Horse together, as soon as conveniently may be, to choose another or others in the Room of such Officer or Officers so disapproved of, removed, or deceased, in the same Manner as is herein before directed.

SEVENTHLY. THE said Company of Horse, in Time of Alarm and on Field Days shall be under the immediate Direction of the Field Officers of the said Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*, for the Time being ; and the Officers shall be commissioned accordingly.

EIGHTHLY. THE said Company of Horse shall be accoutred, uniformed and equipped in such Manner as by a Majority of them, at a public Meeting, shall be agreed upon.

AND be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to sign an Exemplification of this Charter, and cause the Seal of the State to be thereunto affixed ; whereupon the said Company

Company of Horse shall be entitled to, and have and enjoy, all the Rights and Privileges herein granted.

At the Request of the Independent Company of *Light Dragoons* Officers of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*,
The Light Dragoons in Tiverton and Littleton.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Officers be, and they are hereby, appointed to the Command of the said Company, until their annual Election, *to wit* :

William Humphry, Captain. | *Gilbert Walker*, Second Lieut.
William Brown, First Lieut. | *Job Briggs*, Cornet.

UPON due Consideration of the Petition of *Edward Stafford*, Administrator of the Estate of *William Aldrich*, late of *Cranston*, in the County of *Providence*, Physician, deceased, representing that, on the 4th Day of *October*, A. D. 1788, the said *William Aldrich* tendered the Paper Money of this State to discharge a Note due to the Heirs of *Josiah Potter*, late of *Coventry*, deceased, which, being refused, was lodged in the General-Treasury; and that he hath since paid the said Note in another Manner; and praying that the same may be restored to him, as Administrator, as aforesaid :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Edward Stafford*, as Administrator, as aforesaid, be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive out of the General Treasury the Money actually lodged therein, on the abovementioned Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the commanding Officers of the several independent Companies in this State be, and they are hereby directed to make Return to this Assembly, at the Session to be holden on the First Wednesday in May next, of the Number of non-commissioned Officers and Privates in their respective Companies, and of the State of their Equipments: And that the Secretary transmit a Copy of this Resolve to each of the said commanding Officers.

WHEREAS Mr. *Comfort Wheaton* exhibited unto this Assembly *C. Wheaton* an Account, by him charged against the State, for Materials provided for, and Work done upon, the Goal in the County of *Providence*, which was, by the Lower House of Assembly, referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit* :

We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Account of Mr. *Comfort Wheaton*, do report, that we have performed the same, and that the Sum of *One Pound Seven Shillings and Six Pence* ought to be allowed to him, in full Discharge of the said Account.

CHRISTOPHER PIERCE, } Committee.
 NOAH MATHEWSON, } Committee.

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On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *One Pound Seven Shillings and Six Pence* be paid to the said *Comfort Wheaton*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, in full Compensation of the said Account.

D. Howell WHEREAS *David Howell*, Esq. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for his Attendance, as *Attorney-General*, upon this Assembly, and the several Courts in the State from the General Election in *May, A.D. 1789*, to the General Election in *May, A.D. 1790*; which Account was by the Lower House of Assembly, referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee on the Account of *David Howell*, Esq. do report, that we have examined the same, and that *Twenty Pounds Five Shillings*, being the Amount thereof, ought to be allowed him.

CHRISTOPHER PIERCE, }
NOAH MATHEWSON, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Twenty Pounds Five Shillings* be paid to the said *David Howell*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

Governor to *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be, *write to Mass-achusetts on the North Line.* and he is hereby, requested to write to his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, respecting a Settlement of the Boundary Line between that Commonwealth and this State, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on that Subject, made at the present Session.

J. Button's Petition. WHEREAS *John Button*, of *Hopkinton*, Labourer, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented that there is due to him for the Depreciation of his Pay, as a Soldier in One of this State's Continental Battalions, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Four Pence*, with Interest, as appears by the Records in the Secretary's Office; and that he hath never received a General-Treasurer's Note for the same; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to direct the General-Treasurer to give him a Note therefor, in the same Manner as Notes have heretofore been issued to Soldiers of the like Description :

Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Subject-Matter of the afore-said Petition be referred to the Consideration of *Simeon Martin, Esq.* That, if in his Opinion, the said Sum, with Interest, be due to the said *John Button*, he report the same to the General-Treasurer: And that in such Case, the General-Treasurer issue his Note to the said *John Button*, for the Sum so reported in the same Manner as Notes have been heretofore issued in similar Cases; taking sufficient Bonds to indemnify the State against all Demands that may hereafter be made on Account of the said Claim.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to *Grant to H. Henry Ward, Esq.* out of the General-Treasury, the Sum of *Seven Ward.* Shillings, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, upon his paying into the General-Treasury the Value thereof in the old Tenor Bills of this State, at the Rate of *Eight Pounds per Dollar.*

THE following Report was presented to this Assembly, *to wit* :

We the Subscribers, agreeably to our Appointment, have viewed the State-House in the County of *Kent*, and do report, that the present Building is Forty Feet by Thirty; that an Addition thereto of Report upon the Gaol and State House in Kent. Eighteen Feet to the South End will make a Room for the Lower House of Assembly of Thirty Feet square, heightened by an Arch of Five Feet; that the Council-Chamber will be Twenty Feet by Eighteen, and the Lobby Ten Feet wide; of which we herewith present a Plan: And that the probable Expence of making the said Addition, Alterations and Repairs, with putting new Sills to the old Part, may amount to *Four Hundred Pounds.*

We further Report, that we have viewed a Lot of Land given by the Town of *East-Greenwich* for the Purpose of setting a Goal upon, advantageously situated at the Lower End of the Street leading from the State-House to the Shore; but that being nearly covered with Water at high Tides it must be filled up for some Distance: And that the probable Expence of building a new Gaol thereon, agreeably to the Plan herewith presented, and of filling up the said Lot may amount to *Eight Hundred Pounds.* All which is submitted by

GEORGE THOMAS,
WILLIAM GREENE, } Committee.
DANIEL UPDIKE,

WHEREUPON the Lower House of Assembly appointed another Committee, for the same Purpose, who presented the following Report, *to wit* :

We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to report a suitable Place for erecting a Gaol upon, in the County of *Kent*, with a Plan of the Building; and also what Repairs are necessary to be made to the State-House in that County, do report, that we approve of the Report of the former Committee respecting the Goal, and of

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the Plan of the Building: And that nothing be done at present with the State-House. Which is submitted by

JOSEPH BROWN,
GEORGE THURSTON,
ICHABOD COLE,
JOHN SMITH,
WILLIAM GREENE,
NOAH MATHEWSON, }
Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; that Mr. Richard Mathewson, of East-Greenwich, be appointed to build the said Goal, at the aforesaid Place, agreeably to the Plan presented by the Committee: And that Messrs. William Greene (Son of Benjamin) and Gideon Mumford, be a Committee to advise with the said Richard Mathewson relative to the building of the said Goal.

H. Ward al-
lowed
L. 26 11 8. WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State, for his Services as Secretary, from the Commencement of the last Session of this Assembly to the present Session; upon which the Lower House of Assembly appointed a Committee, who presented the following Report, *to wit*:

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, we have examined the Account of *Henry Ward*, Esq. and do report, that we find the Sum of Twenty-six Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eight Pence, being the Amount thereof, due to him, which is submitted by

CHARLES LIPPITT, }
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the aforesaid Sum of Twenty-six Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eight Pence, be paid to the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

An ACT making Provision for the transfer of the Stock of the United States, belonging to this State, to the individual Creditors thereof.

*Act for trans-
ferring the
public Debt.* WHEREAS the United States, in Congress assembled, at the present Session, have passed an Act, entitled "An Act authorising the transfer of the Stock standing to the Credit of certain States;" in the Words following, *to wit*:

"BE it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That at any Time within

within Two Years from the passing of this Act, Transfer shall and may be authorized of so much of the Stock standing to the Credit of any State, pursuant to the Report of the Commissioners for settling Accounts between the United States and individual States, and the Act passed thereon, entitled "An Act making Provision for the Payment of the Interest on the Balances due to certain States upon a final Settlement of the Accounts between the United States and the individual States," to Creditors of such States, who were such prior to the First Day of July, One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-three, as may be necessary to satisfy their respective Demands: *Provided* that no such Transfer shall be made but with the Consent of the said State and its Creditors.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the General-Treasurer of this State be authorized and empowered, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to receive into his Office the following Descriptions of this State's Debt, *to wit* :—Notes issued for depreciation of Pay to the Officers and Soldiers of the late Army :—Notes issued for calling in and sinking the Paper Bills emitted in the Years 1775 and 1776 :—Notes issued for calling in and sinking the Notes issued for the redemption of the Paper Bills of 1775 and 1776: Notes issued for calling in and sinking the Four per Cent. Notes :—Notes issued for calling in and sinking the Certificates issued by *Charles Holden*, Esq. as Commissary of Purchases :—Notes issued to the Creditors of Absentees, whose Estates have been forfeited :—Notes issued for Paper Money sunk, and Money hired previous to the Revolution :—Notes issued for calling in and sinking the Money emitted in June, A. D. 1780, funded on real Estate :—Certificates for Balances due on the Debt assumed by the United States, issued by *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. Commissioner of Loans :—Teaming Certificates :—Interest Certificates on Loan-Office Certificates and liquidated Debt :—Interest Certificates issued on *Mr. Chinn's* Final Settlement Certificates :—Impost Orders for the Interest on the State Debt :—And Invalid Certificates :—And that the General-Treasurer compute an Interest of Six per Cent. per Annum, on all the said Notes, together with the Teaming Certificates, and Invalid Certificates, up to the 31st Day of December, A. D. 1791; and upon the Amount of the Principal and Interest up to that Date to compute an Interest of Four per Cent. per Annum to the 1st Day of January, A. D. 1795; and on the Interest, and other Certificates and Impost Orders abovementioned, to compute an Interest of Four per Cent. from the said 31st Day of December, A. D. 1791, to the 1st Day of January, A. D. 1795: And that upon his receiving the said Debts he give to each Creditor an Abstract of the Amount of his Debt, upon the above Principles of Calculation.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That at the Expiration of Six Months from the Tenth Day of February, in the present Year, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to ascertain the whole Amount of the said Debt so delivered into his

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his Office, upon the said Principles of Calculation, and if it shall exceed the Sum of *Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars*, he is hereby directed to apportion the said Sum of *Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars* to the several Creditors of the above Descriptions, according to the Amount of their several Debts so computed as aforesaid; and at the End of the said Six Months to give to each Creditor a Certificate of his Proportion of the said Sum of *Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars*, and also a Certificate of the Balance; which Certificate shall be in the Words following to wit:

"Rhode-Island, &c.
Treasury-Office, 1795.

I HEREBY certify, that there is due to A. B. from the State of Rhode-Island, &c., or Bearer, Dollars Cents, payable on demand, in the funded and deferred Stock of the United States, at the Loan-Office in this State, in the following Proportions, to wit: Four Ninths in Six per Cent. Stock, with the Interest due thereon from the First Day of January, 1795.—Three Ninths in Three per Cent. Stock, with the Interest due thereon from the First Day of January, 1795— and Two Ninths in deferred Stock, bearing an Interest of Six per Cent. to commence the First Day of January, 1801.

H. S. General-Treasurer."

"Rhode-Island, &c.
Treasury-Office, 1795.

I HEREBY certify, that there is due to A. B. or Bearer, from the State of Rhode-Island, &c. Dollars Cents: Being a Balance not provided for by the Transfer of the funded and deferred Stock of the United States belonging to this State, agreeably to an Act made and passed by the General Assembly of this State, at their January Session, 1795; which Certificates, by Order of the said Assembly, are to carry an Interest of Four per Cent. until paid.

H. S. General-Treasurer."

AND if the Debts so brought in and calculated as aforesaid shall not exceed the Amount of *Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars*, the General-Treasurer is hereby directed to give to each of the Creditors a Certificate of the Amount of his respective Debt upon the said Principles of Computation, according to the Form of the First Certificate herein mentioned.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Loan-Officer of the United States in this State, be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to transfer to the Holders of the Certificates of the last mentioned Kind, the Stock of the United States belonging to this State, agreeably to their Certificates.—And this Act and the said Certificates shall be his full Warrant and Power for so doing.

AND whereas the several Kinds of Stock of the United States belonging to this State will not hold out alike in the Proportions mentioned

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mentioned in the said Certificates ; the said Loan-Officer is hereby empowered to estimate Six per Cent. Stock at Twenty Shillings for Twenty Shillings, deferred Stock at Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence for Twenty Shillings, and Three per Cent. Stock at Eleven Shillings, and Four Pence for Twenty Shillings : And to transfer any Species of Stock in Lieu of any other Species of Stock, according to the said Estimation ; apportioning such Transfers among all the Creditors in Proportion to their respective Debts.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby further directed and empowered to execute to the said Loan-Officer a Power of Attorney to make the said Transfers and to give to the said Loan-Officer the Certificates now held by *Henry Sherburne, Esq.* in Trust for the said Purpose.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act be published in all the Newspapers in this State.

* *AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, to obtain a full Account of the Debts due from the State, all the Creditors of the State carry in to the General-Treasurer, on or before the First Day of June next, an exact Account of all the Demands they have pursuant to this Act, and at the same Time declare whether they acquiesce in a Transfer upon the Principles of this Act or not; that the General-Treasurer, comparing the said Claims with the Records in his Office, make as perfect a Report as may be to this Assembly, at the Session, to be holden in June next, of the Amount of the public Debt within the Meaning of this Act, specifying therein the different Kinds of the Securities, and their Amount: And that the Transfer be postponed until the said Session in June next.*

WHEREAS *Henry Rice*, Esq. formerly Sheriff of the County of *H. Rice* al-
Kent, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged a-^{lowed}
gainst the State, for Services in that Office, in the Year 1776: up- £5 15⁰
on which the Lower House of Assembly appointed a Committee,
who made the following Report thereon, *to wit*:

THE Committee appointed to examine the Account of *Henry Rice*, Esq. report, that, from the best Information they have been able to procure, there is due to him thereon the Sum of *Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings*. WILLIAM GREENE, GEORGE TILLINGHAST. { Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings* be paid to the said *Henry Rice*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, in full Discharge of the said Account.

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* This last Paragraph was an Amendment made by the Upper House, with which the Lower House concurred. After mature Consideration, not being able to form it into the Body of the Act so as to satisfy myself, I thought it best to print it in this Manner.

HENRY WARD, Secretary.

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W. Barton *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings allowed £. 3 18. be allowed and paid to William Barton, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as One of the Committee for adjusting the Impost Accounts of the Merchants in the District of Providence.*

Com. to re-survey the Road from Providence to Norwich. *WHEREAS a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of this State, and of the State of Connecticut, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented that the Road leading from Providence to Norwich, upon which Liberty hath been lately granted to erect a Turnpike, is in several Places so crooked that it is altogether unadvisable to repair the same as it now runs; and prayed this Assembly to appoint a Committee to re-survey and re-lay the said Road, in such Places as they shall think will most promote the public Good, in order that the said Road may be rendered as convenient as possible when it shall be mended and repaired: Which being duly considered.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Noah Mathewson, Esq. Thomas Allin, Esq. and George Thomas, Esq. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to re-survey and re-lay the said Road agreeably to the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition.

Resolve ref. pending Pe- titions lodg- ed for Rec- ception. *WHEREAS a Number of Petitions are now before the Lower House of Assembly, praying for new Trials and the staying of Proceedings; and it is not convenient for this Assembly to hear the Merits of the said Petitions at this Time:*

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Petitioners be permitted to lodge their Petitions in the Secretary's Office; that the adverse Parties be cited, in the usual Manner, to attend at the next Session of this Assembly to oppose the same, if they shall see fit; and that in the mean Time all Proceedings be stayed, agreeably to the Prayers of the said Petitions; and that this Act extend to all such Petitioners, as aforesaid, who are now in Goal.

Com. to set- tle the Ac- counts of the late Collector- s of Impost. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Samuel Elam, Noah Mathewson, William Barton, John S. Dexter, Charles Wheaton, and John Mawney, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to settle the Account between this State and Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. late Collector of the State Impost for the District of Providence; and also between this State and Mr. John Wanton, late Collector of the State Impost for the District of Newport; and also between the Merchants in the said District of Newport, and the said John Wanton, as Collector as aforesaid: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.*

Payment of the Tax ass- fessed. poned. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the several Collectors of the State Tax assed upon the several Towns, by this Assembly at the last Session, be allowed until the First Day of April next for the Payment of the said Tax into the General-Treasury; they paying Interest agreeably to the Act assed the same.*

IT

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and J. Niles al-
lowed £. 7 16 6. be allowed and paid to Jonathan Niles, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Kent, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, to the present Time for Attendance upon this Assembly and the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Kent, for Wood and Candles, for Repairs upon the Gaol, &c.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Eleven Shillings and H. Niles al-
lowed £. 3 11 8. be allowed and paid to Mr. Henry Niles, a Deputy Sheriff for the County of Kent, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter, and for summoning divers Persons to appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the said County, upon a Complaint made to the said Court.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Five Shillings be al-
lowed and paid to Mr. James Pierce, out of the General Treasury, J. Pierce al-
lowed £. 2 5. in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the es-
tablished Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Five Shillings be al-
lowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Briggs out of the General-Treasury, T. Briggs al-
lowed £. 2 5. in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the es-
tablished Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Rowse Babcock, Esq. be, and he is hereby, appointed to widen and repair Pawcatuck Bridge; that, for the Purpose aforesaid, he be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of Sixty Pounds, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that he account for the same.

An ACT in Amendment of an Act, entitled "An Act directing the Method of preferring Petitions to the General Assembly, and of acting thereon."

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That the Act of this Assembly enti- Amendment
tled "An Act directing the Method of preferring Petitions unto of the Act
the General Assembly, and of acting thereon" so far as the same Re- respecting
gards the lodging of Petitions in the Secretary's Office, the giving Petitions.
Bonds thereon, and notifying the adverse Parties, be, and the same is hereby, extended to all Petitions, the granting the Prayer of which
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may, by any Means, relate to, or concern, the Interest, Property, or Character of any other Person, or Persons whomsoever.

G. Parker *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Gideon Parker*, now a Prisoner in
 sold to *J. Watson*. the Gaol in the County of Kent, be sold forthwith to *Job Watson*,
 Esq. for the Costs for which he is there held; and that, if the said
Gideon Parker shall continue in the Service of the said *Job Watson* a
 sufficient Time, at the usual Wages, to pay the said Costs, then the
 said *Job Watson* shall be accountable for the same; otherwise he shall
 be discharged therefrom.

Grant for the Gaol in Kent. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*,
 in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the estab-
 lished Rate of Exchange, be granted to *Mr. Richard Matewson*,
 out of the General-Treasury, for the building of the Gaol in the
 County of Kent; that the said Sum be paid him in *Three sepearte Pavments*; and that he be accountable for the same.

*J. Helme al-
 lowed £:100* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed
 and paid to *James Helme*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in
 Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the estab-
 lished Rate of Exchange, on Account of the Repairs by him made
 on the State-House in the County of *Washington*; and that he ac-
 count for the same.

*H. Ward al-
 lowed £:7 4.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* be
 allowed and paid to *Henry Ward*, Esq. out of the General Treasury,
 in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the estab-
 lished Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for
 attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Secretary.

*S. Eddy al-
 lowed £:7 9 6.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds Nine Shillings* and
Six Pence be allowed and paid to *Samuel Eddy*, Esq. out of the Gener-
 al-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State,
 at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Ac-
 count, for Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as
 Clerk of the Lower House, and for providing Paper and Quills.

*Adjourn-
 ment.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this As-
 sembly unfinished be referred to the next Session; that the Acts and
 Orders now made and passed be published and transmitted by the
 Secretary, in the usual Manner; and that this Assembly be adjourned
 ed to meet again according to Law.

GOD save the United States of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND)

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MAY, 1795.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Nineteenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,
HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE
SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Esq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Esq.*
PELEG ARNOLD, *Esq.*
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Esq.*
CALEB GARDNER, *Esq.*
JOHN COOKE, *Esq.*
JAMES CONGDON, *Esq.*
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Esq.*
GEORGE BROWN, *Esq.*
JOB WATSON, *Esq.*
JOHN HARRIS, *Esq.*

} ASSISTANTS.

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Champlin, *Esq.*
 John Handy, *Esq.*
 Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
 Mr. John L. Bots,
 Mr. Christopher Fowler,
 Simeon Martin, *Esq.*

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
 Charles Lippitt, *Esq.*
 John Smith, *Esq.*
 Mr. Nicholas Easton.

PORTSMOUTH :

Abraham Anthony, jun. *Esq.*
 Tillinghast Almy, *Esq.*
 Mr. Richard Shearman,
 Mr. Thomas Potter.

WARWICK :

Moses Arnold, *Esq.*
 Anthony Holden, *Esq.*
 Mr. Joseph Brown,
 Henry Remington, *Esq.*

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, *Esq.*
 Rowle Babcock, *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM

Mr. Edward Sands,
 Mr. William Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Daniel Updike, *Esq.*

George Thomas, *Esq.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Elisha R. Potter, *Esq.*

Rowland Brown, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. William Greene (*Son of Benjamin*)

Mr. George Tillinghast.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Daniel Weeden, jun.

Mr. John Remington.

SMITHFIELD :

Mr. John Paine,

Mr. Henry Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, *Esq.*

Job Randall, *Esq.*

GLOCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, *Esq.*

Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, jun. *Esq.*

Mr. Edward Wilcox.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Samuel Hopkins, *Esq.*

Amos Jaqways, *Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Joseph Rice, *Esq.*

Mr. Benjamin Arnold.

EXETER :

Stephen Wightman, *Esq.*

Mr. Abraham Wilcox, jun.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Joshua Peckham,

Mr. Isaac Barker.

BRISTOL :

Samuel Wardwell, *Esq.*

Loring Peck, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

Thomas Durfee, *Esq.*

Christopher Manchester, *Esq.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,

Mr. Isaac Baley.

WARREN :

Mr. Charles Wheaton,

Ichabod Cole, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Jotham Carpenter, *Esq.*

Elijah Brown, *Esq.*

RICHMOND :

Jonathan Maxson, *Esq.*

Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Mr. Jonathan Knight,

Caleb Williams, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, *Esq.*

Moses Barber, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON :

Noah Mathewson, *Esq.*

Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, *Esq.*

Stephen Jenckes, jun. *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, *Esq.*

James Martin, *Esq.*

FOSTER :

William Tyler, *Esq.*

Daniel Howard, 2d. *Esq.*

The Honorable JOSEPH STANTON, jun. *Esq.* was chosen Speaker, and SAMUEL EDDY, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower House.

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THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers both civil Officers and military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in elected, the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to them respectively, to wit:

His Excellency ARTHUR FENNER, Esq. Governor. Engaged.

The Hon. SAMUEL J. POTTER, Esq. Deputy-Governor. Engaged.

Thomas G. Hazard, Esq. First Assistant. Engaged.

Peleg Arnold, Esq. Second Assistant. Engaged.

Jonathan Comstock, Esq. Third Assistant. Engaged.

Caleb Gardner, Esq. Fourth Assistant. Engaged.

John Cooke, Esq. Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

James Congdon, Esq. Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas Hoxsie, Esq. Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

George Brown, Esq. Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

Job Watson, Esq. Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

John Harris, Esq. Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq. Secretary. Engaged.

Ray Greene, Esq. Attorney-General. Engaged.

Henry Sherburne, Esq. General-Treasurer. Engaged.

Constant Taber, Esq. Chief,

Oliver Durfee, Esq. Second,

Perez Richmond, Esq. Third,

William Anthony, jun. Esq. Fourth,

Nicholas P. Tillinghast, Esq. Fifth,

Justice of the Court of Com-

mon Pleas, and General

Sessions of the Peace, with-

in and for the County of

Newport.

Caleb Harris, Esq. Chief,

John Burton, jun. Esq. Second,

Stephen Steere, Esq. Third,

John Dorrance, Esq. Fourth,

Arnold Paine, Esq. Fifth,

Justice of the Court of Com-

mon Pleas, and General

Sessions of the Peace, with-

in and for the County of

Providence.

Peter Phillips, Esq. Chief,

Gideon Clarke, Esq. Second,

Robert Stanton, Esq. Third,

John Allen, Esq. Fourth,

Thomas Tefft, Esq. Fifth,

Justice of the Court of Com-

mon Pleas, and General

Sessions of the Peace, with-

in and for the County of

Washington.

Samuel Allen, Esq. Chief,

William Barton, Esq. Second,

Stephen Smith, Esq. Third,

Joseph Reynolds, Esq. Fourth,

Daniel Cole, Esq. Fifth,

Justice of the Court of Com-

mon Pleas, and General

Sessions of the Peace, with-

in and for the County of

Bristol.

Stephen Arnold, Esq. Chief,

Thomas Rice, 2d. Esq. Second,

Isaac Johnson, Esq. Third,

Benjamin Johnson, Esq. Fourth,

Stephen Greene (of East-Green-

wich) Esq. Fifth,

Justice of the Court of Com-

mon Pleas, and General

Sessions of the Peace, with-

in and for the County of

Kent.

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Christopher Ellery, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Newport.

Samuel Danforth, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Providence.

James Sheldon, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Washington.

Jonathan Russell, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Bristol.

Allen Fry, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Kent.

Thomas Peckham, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Newport.

James Fenner, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Providence.

Samuel E. Gardner, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Washington.

Daniel Bradford, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Bristol.

Benjamin Howland, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Kent.

William Davis, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Newport.

Nehemiah Knight, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Providence.

Nicholas Gardner, jun. Esq. Sheriff of the County of Washington.

Richard Smith, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Bristol.

Jonathan Niles, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Kent.

Christopher Ellery, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Newport.

Samuel Chase, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Providence.

George Thomas, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Washington,

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Richard Smith, jun. Esq. Public Notary for the County of Bristol.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Kent.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for the several TOWNS.

Newport :

Henry Sheiburne,
Benjamin Sayer,
Christopher Ellery,
Robert Taylor,
Henry Peckham,
Jonathan Almy,
Esquires.

Providence :

Samuel Chace,
Nathaniel Wheaton,
James Arnold,
William Thurber,
William Tyler (*the 2d*)
James Fanner,
Samuel Thurber, *jun.*
William Richmond,
George Tillinghast,
William Jones,
Obadiah Brown,
Esquires.

Portsmouth :

Tillinghast Almy,
Henry Lawton,
Gideon Dennis,
Samuel Shearman,
Giles Lawton, *jun.*
Thomas Hickes,
Andrew M'Currie, *jun.*
Esquires.

Warwick :

Benjamin Barton,
James Jerauld,
Anthony Holden,
Joseph Arnold (*Son of*
Caleb)
James Rhodes, *jun.*
Peter Greene,
John Clapp,
Henry Arnold,
George Greene,
Henry Remington,
Esquires.

Westerly :

Simeon Burdick,
Samuel Bliven,
Joseph Clarke,
Samuel Brown,
John Sisson,
Nathan Barber,
Joseph Potter,
Paul Maxson,
Esquires.

North-Kingstown :

George Thomas,
Daniel Updike,
William Corey,
Nicholas C. Northup,
William Reynolds,
William Northup,
Oliver Gardner,
Isaac Vaughan,
Slocum Hall,
Christopher Gardner,
Esquires.

South-Kingstown :

John Waite,
Caleb Tefft,
Samuel Curtis,
Daniel Shearman, *jun.*
John Seagar,
Samuel E. Gardner,
Samuel Helme,
Barber Peckham,
Samuel Hoxtie,
James Shearman, *jun.*
Cyrus French,
Levi Totten,
Gideon I. Babcock,
Esquires.

East-Greenwich :

Benjamin Howland,
Hopkins Cooke,
George Spencer,
David Vaughan (*the 3d*)
William Greene,
George

George Nichols,
Andrew Boyd,
Jonathan Pitcher,
Esquires.

Smithfield:
John Sayles,
John Mann,
Elisha Olney,
Joel Aldrich,
Edward Medbury,
Duty Winsor,
Esquires.

Scituate:
John Harris,
Daniel Westcot,
Stephen Harris,
Esquires.

Glocester:
Zebedee Hopkins,
John Smith (*Son of Ben.*)
Timothy Wilmarth,
Martin Smith,
Nathaniel Wade,
Samuel Winsor,
Richard Steere, *jun.*
Israel Cooke.
William Arnold,
Daniel Tourtellot,
Esquires.

Charlestown:
Peleg Cross,
Jonathan Macomber,
Ichabod Burdick,
Simeon Babcock,
Nathan Taylor,
John Collier,
William Kinyon,
Jesse Crandall,
Esquires.

West-Greenwich:
Samuel Hopkins,
Levi Whitford,
Caleb Hall,
George Potter,
Job Spencer,
Stephen Wilcox,

Benjamin Nichols,
Amos Reynolds,
Nathaniel Pullman,
Esquires.

Coventry:
William Stone,
Joseph Manchester,
Benjamin Greene,
Joseph Wickes, *jun.*
Joseph Rice,
Job Mathewson,
Silas Westcot,
Job Greene, *jun.*
Esquires.

Exeter:
Stephen Reynolds,
Christopher Pierce,
Nicholas Gardner (*Son of
Ezekiel*)
Samuel Bissell,
Samuel Gorton,
Stephen Champlin,
Jeffery Hazard,
Lillibridge Barber,
Oliver Arnold,
Daniel Sunderland, *jun.*
Esquires.

Middletown:
Elisha Allen,
Benjamin Gardner,
William Taggart, *jun.*
Esquires.

Bristol:
Daniel Bradford,
Josiah Finney,
Newton Waldron,
Samuel R. Paine,
Esquires.

Tiverton:
Thomas Durfee,
Lemuel Taber,
Redford Dennis,
Elihu Hickes,
Joseph Durfee,
Abraham Burlington,
Esquires.

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Little-Compton:

Adam Simmons,
Enos Giffard,
Thomas Palmer,
Benjamin Tompkins,
Esquires.

Warren:

William T. Miller,
Benjamin Barton,
Edward Chace,
Samuel Child,
Esquires.

Cumberland:

Jotham Carpenter,
Nathaniel Shepardson,
Holliman Potter,
Esquires.

Richmond:

James Sheldon,
Remington Clarke,
James Potter,
Jonathan Maxson,
Jeremiah Tefft,
Josias Lillibridge,
Esquires.

Cranston:

William Warner,
John R. Arnold,
Jeremiah Randall,
Joseph Aborn,
John A. Burton,

Philip Arnold,
John Wightman,
Esquires.

Hopkinton:

David Nichols,
Randall Wells,
Josiah Witter,
Moses Barber,
Robert Burdick,
Abraham Coon,
Samuel Gardner, *jun.*
Joseph Wells,
Esquires.

Johnston:

Abraham Belknap,
Joseph Borden, *jun.*
Benjamin Kimball,
Caleb Alverson,
Harding Harris,
Joseph Williams,
Esquires.

North-Providence:

Hope Angell,
Ezekiel Whipple,
Caleb Jenckes,
Stephen Jenckes, *jun.*
Esquires.

Barrington:

Solomon Townsend, *jun.*
James Martin,
Afa Bicknal, *Esquires.*

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Benjamin Taylor, Esq. Second Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Benjamin Wardwell, Esq. First } Major of the Regiment of Militia Joseph Adams, Esq. Second } in the County of Bristol.

Moses Arnold, Esq. First } Major of the First Regiment of Micah Whitmarsh, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Kent.

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Thomas Durfee, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Newport.*

*Henry Northup, Esq. First } Major of the Second Regiment of Mi-
James Updike, Esq. Second } litia in the County of Washington.*

*Thomas Rely, Esq. First } Major of the Third Regiment of Mi-
Gideon Harris, Esq. Second } litia in the County of Providence.*

*Elijah Armstrong, Esq. First } Major of the Fourth Regiment of
Thomas Mitchell, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.*

*Peter Briggs, Esq. First } Major of the Sixth Regiment of
Valentine Sweet, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.*

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Benjamin Fry, Esq. Second } the County of Providence.*

*William Taylor, Esq. First Major of the Senior Class Regiment in
the County of Washington.*

*Joseph Arnold (Son of Caleb) } Major of the Senior Class Regiment
Esq. First. } in the County of Kent.
Stukely Hudson, Esq. Second }*

*Isaac Center, M. D. Director, and Purveyor-General of the Mil-
itary Hospital of the State.*

*The same Isaac Center, Surgeon, and Physician-General of the
Militia of the State.*

*John Mathewson, Esq. Quarter-Master-General of the Militia
of the State.*

Charles Lippitt, Esq. Commissary-Gen. of the Militia of the State.

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*George Tillinghast, Esq. Inspector of the Brigade of Militia of the
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*Cyrus French, Esq. Inspector of the Brigade of Militia of the
County of Washington.*

*Stephen Arnold, Esq. Inspector of the Brigade of Militia in the
County of Kent.*

John Carr, Gunner of Fort Washington, in the Township of Newport.

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OFFICERS

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OFFICERS to command the several Companies of INFANTRY,
to wit:

First Regiment in the County of
Newport:

Newport:

First Company,
William Allen, Captain,
Samuel Carr, Lieutenant,
Samuel Watson, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joseph Lyon, Captain,
Nathaniel Lyon, Lieutenant,
James Anthony, Ensign.

Third Company,
Charles Davenport, Captain,
Thomas Tillery, Lieutenant,
Azariah Albro, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Joseph Bots, Captain,
Peleg Cranston, Lieutenant,
Daniel Dunham, Ensign.

Portsmouth:

First Company,
Cooke Wilcox, Captain,
George Brownell, Lieutenant,
George Cooke, Ensign.

Second Company,
Peleg Almy, Captain,
Thomas Potter, jun. Lieutenant,
Stephen Cornell, Ensign.

New-Shoreham Company:

Edward Sands, Captain,
John Pain, Lieutenant,
John Gorton, Ensign.

Jamesstown Company:
Peleg Carr, jun. Captain,
Daniel Howland, Lieutenant,
Thomas Carr, Ensign.

First Regiment in the County of
Providence:

Providence:

First Company:
Jabez Gorham, Captain,
Parker Clarke, Lieutenant,
Joshua Rathbun, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joshua Lindley, Captain,
Benjamin Andrews, Lieutenant,
George R. Burrill, Ensign.

Third Company,
George Weeden, Captain,
Ebenezer K. Dexter, Lieutenant,
Samuel Smith, jun. Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Daniel Proud, jun. Captain,
Joseph Snow, jun. Lieutenant,
Job Olney, Ensign.

Fifth Company,
Eber Coleman, Captain,
John Eathforth, Lieutenant,
Luther Greene, Ensign.

Light Company in *Providence:*
Jeremiah Jenckes, Captain,
James Ormsbee, Lieutenant,
Oliver Barney, Ensign.

North-Providence:

First Company,
John Sone, Captain,
Emor Whipple, Lieutenant,
Daniel Smith, Ensign.

Second Company,
Ebenezer Tyler, Captain,
George Robinson, Lieutenant,
James Mason, Ensign.

First Regiment in the County of
Washington:

Hopkinton:

First Company,
Jeremiah Thurston, Captain,
Thomas Langworthy, Lieutenant,
William Tanner (the 2d) Ensign.

Second Company,
James Wells, jun. Captain,
Clarke Wells, Lieutenant,
Peleg Babcock, Ensign.

Third Company,
Benjamin Barber, Captain,
Nathan Maxson, Lieutenant,
John Kinyon, Ensign.

Fourth

Fourth Company,
John Tanner, Captain,
Matthew Stillman, Lieutenant,
Caleb Church (the 2d) Ensign.

The Regiment in the County of
Bristol :

Bristol Company :
Joseph Greene, Captain,
Thomas Church, Lieutenant,
Loring Finney, Ensign.

Warren :
First Company,
Benjamin Cole, Captain,
William Hoar, Lieutenant,
Preserved Alger, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joseph Barton, Captain,
Samuel Mason, Lieutenant,
Samuel Bowen, Ensign.

Barrington Company :
Benjamin Martin, Captain,
Amariah Lilley, Lieutenant,
Ebenezer Peck, Ensign.

First Regiment in the County of
Kent :

Warwick :
First Company,
Joseph Batty, Captain,
Bennett Low, Lieutenant,
Thomas Stafford, Ensign.
Third Company,
Pardon Potter, Captain,
Benjamin Greene, Lieutenant,
Dutee Arnold, Ensign.

East-Greenwich :
First Company,
Earle Mowry, Captain,
William Spencer, Lieutenant,
Caleb Andrews, Ensign.
Second Company,
William Gardner, Captain,
John Place, Lieutenant,
Peleg Clarke, Ensign.

Second Regiment in the County
of *Newport* :

Tiverton :
First Company,
Joseph Baley, Captain,
Abraham Manchester, Lieut.
Benjamin Cooke, Ensign.

Second Company,
Richard Durfee, Captain,
Baulston Brayton, Lieutenant,
Jonathan Borden, Ensign.

Third Company,
William Durfee, Captain,
Nathan Briggs, jun. Lieutenant,
Abner Durfee, Ensign.

Little-Compton :
First Company,
Thomas Briggs, Captain,
Caleb Church, Lieutenant,
Abraham Baley, Ensign.

Second Regiment in the Coun-
ty of *Providence* :

Smithfield :
First Company,
Nathan Dexter, Captain,
Adam Jenckes, Lieutenant,
Jeremiah Whipple, Ensign.
Second Company,
Joseph Wilkinson, jun. Captain,
Abraham Ballou, Lieutenant,
Ebenezer Trask, Ensign.
Third Company,
Obed Seaver, Captain,
Nathaniel Mowry, Lieutenant,
James Appleby (the 3d.) Ensign.

Cumberland :
First Company,
Isaac Otis Captain,
Welcome Whipple, Lieutenant,
William Whipple, Ensign.
Third Company,
Ebenezer Whipple, Captain,
Esek Cooke, Lieutenant,
Nathan Whipple, Ensign.

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Second Regiment in the County of *Washington* :*North-Kingstown* :

Second Company,
Ezbon Sanford, Captain,
George Biffell, Lieutenant,
Thomas R. Congdon Ensign.

Third Company,
Lodowick Updike, jun. Captain,
Isaac Hall, Lieutenant,
Daniel Thomas, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Daniel Congdon, Captain,
James Shearman, Lieutenant,
Henry Congdon, Ensign.

Exeter :

First Company,
Henry Reynolds, Captain,
Hians Bates, Lieutenant,
Jeremiah Smith, Ensign.

Second Company,
John Maguire, Captain,
Solomon Arnold, Lieutenant,
Gideon Arnold, Ensign.

Third Company,
Benjamin Lewis, Captain,
Samuel Lewis, Lieutenant,
Asa Wilcox, Ensign.

Second Regiment in the County of *Kent*.*West-Greenwich* :

First Company,
Rhodes Wightman, Captain,
Burton Sweet, Lieutenant,
Joseph Matteson, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joseph Fry, Captain,
Augustus Ellis, Lieutenant,
Samuel Gardner, Ensign.

Third Company,
Gardner T. Kinyon, Captain,
Job Tillinghast, Lieutenant,
William Tanner, Ensign.

Coventry :

First Company,
Edmund Colvin, Captain,
Peleg Arnold, Lieutenant,

John Remington, Ensign.
Third Company
Thomas Phillips, Captain,
William Greene, Lieutenant,
Solomon Mathewson, Ensign.
Fourth Company,
Josiah Gibbs, jun. Captain,
Reuben Potter, Lieutenant,
Johnson Jordan, Ensign.

Third Regiment in the County of *Providence*.*Situate* :

First Company,
Benoni Colvin, Captain,
Ezra Knight, Lieutenant,
Peleg Fisk, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,
Reuben Steere, Captain,
Richard Taylor, Lieutenant,
James Kimball, Ensign.

Third Company,
Nathan Walker, Captain,
Samuel Wilbur, jun. Lieut.
Gideon Angell, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Resolved Smith, Captain,
Timothy Hopkins, Lieutenant,
Ezekiel Bishop, Ensign.

Third Regiment in the County of *Washington* :*Richmond* :

First Company,
Silas Kinyon, Captain,
Benjamin Barber, Lieutenant,
John Lillibridge, Ensign.

Second Company,
Perry Clarke, Captain,
Rowse Clarke, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Wilbur, Ensign.

Fourth Regiment in the County of *Providence* :*Glocester* :

First Company,
Thomas Winsor, Captain,
William Wheeler, Lieutenant,
William Hawkins, jun. Ensign.

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Second Company,
Asa Ballou, Captain,
William Lapham, Lieutenant,
Jirehi Ballou, Ensign.

Third Company,
James Potter, Captain,
Isaac Wade, Lieutenant,
Stephen Cowing, Ensign.

Fifth Company,
Jabez Arnold, Captain,
Ezekiel Killey, Lieutenant,
James Reynolds, Ensign.

Sixth Company,
Benedict Burlingame, jun. Capt.
Esek Brown, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Harris, Ensign.

Sixth Regiment in the County of
Providence :

Cranston :

First Company,
John Westcot, Captain,
Joseph Harris, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Potter, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joseph Williams, Captain,
John Williams, jun. Lieutenant,
Joseph Burges, Ensign.

Third Company,
Jonathan Knight, Captain,
Henry Wightman, Lieut.
Rhodes Fanner, Ensign.

Johnston :

Second Company,
Joshua Angell, Captain,
Ezekiel Angell, Lieutenant,
Olney Angell, Ensign.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Captain-General's Cavaliers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, who approves the Choice, *to wit* : Captain-General's Cavaliers.

Edward Manton, Captain, | Christopher Knight, Cornet,
Israel Manchester, First Lieut. | Jeremiah Manton, Quarter-Master.
Calvin Deane, Second Lieut.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Smithfield Grenadiers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : Smithfield Grenadiers.

William Harris, Captain, | Samuel Thayer, Second Lieut.
Abab Mowry, First Lieut. | Christopher Dexter, Ensign.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Cranston Blues*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : Cranston Blues.

Caleb Williams, Captain, | Andrew Potter, Second Lieut.
Joseph Burton, First Lieut. | Abram Randall, Ensign.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Washington independent Company*, was made to his Excellency the Governor and Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : Washington independent Company.

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<i>Daniel Sunderlin, jun. Captain, Willett Gardner, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Benjamin Greene, Second Lieut. Phinches Reynolds, Ensign.</i>
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*Kingstown
Reds.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Kingstown Reds*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>John Waite, Captain, Gideon J. Babcock, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Benedict Eldred, Second Lieut. William C. Clarke, Ensign.</i>
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*Glocester
Light Infan-
try.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Glocester Light-Infantry*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Benjamin Hawkins, Captain, Joseph Steere, First Lieutenant,</i>	<i>Oliver Armstrong, Second Lieut. Jonathan Knapp, Ensign.</i>
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*North-King-
stown Rang-
ers.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The North-Kingstown Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Beriah Waite, Captain, Gardner Reynolds, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Beriah Brown, jun. Second Lieut. Gardiner Browning, Ensign.</i>
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*Governor's
Volunteers.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Governor's independent Company of Volunteers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Robert Taylor, jun. Captain, Jeremiah Eddy, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Thomas Williams, Second Lieut. Samuel Jackson, Ensign.</i>
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*Providence
Light Infan-
try.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Light Infantry in the Town of Providence*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>John Spurr, Captain, Ebenezer Macomber, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Christopher Hill, Second Lieut. Jeremiah B. Howell, Ensign.</i>
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*Kentish
Troop.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Kentish Troop*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Preserved Hall, Captain, John Arnold, First Lieutenant, Westcot Stone, Second Lieut.</i>	<i>Benjamin Nichols, Cornet, Richard R. Reynolds, Qr. Master.</i>
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*Providence
Artillery.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The United Train of Artillery* in the Town of Providence,

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Providence, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Robert Taylor, Colonel,</i>	<i>Peter Grinnell, Captain,</i>
<i>Nathan Fisher, Lieut. Col.</i>	<i>James Burr, Lieutenant.</i>
<i>John Carlile, jun. Major,</i>	

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent *Cumberland Company* called *The Cumberland Light Infantry*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the *Choice*, *to wit*:

<i>Whipple Lovett, Captain,</i>	<i>Amos Follett, Ensign.</i>
<i>William Balcomb, Lieutenant,</i>	

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent *Coventry Company* called *The Coventry Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the *Choice*, *to wit*:

<i>John M'Gregor, Captain,</i>	<i>William Waterman, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>Job Greene, jun. First Lieut.</i>	<i>John Brown, Ensign.</i>

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent *Pawtuxet Company* called *The Pawtuxet Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the *Choice*, *to wit*:

<i>Benjamin Arnold, Captain,</i>	<i>Caleb Corpe, Second Lieutenant,</i>
<i>Israel Arnold, First Lieutenant,</i>	<i>Rhodes Greene, Ensign.</i>

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent *Johnston Company* called *The Johnston Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the *Choice*, *to wit*:

<i>Robert Thornton, Captain,</i>	<i>Christopher Brown, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>John M'Donald, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Joseph Matbesson, Ensign.</i>

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent *Newport Company* called *The Newport Guards*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the *Choice*, *to wit*:

<i>Wing Spooner, Captain,</i>	<i>Peleg Kaighn, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>John Yeamans, First Lieut.</i>	<i>John Spooner, Ensign.</i>

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent *Washington Company* called *The Washington Cavalry*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the *Choice*, *to wit*:

<i>Rowland Brown, Captain,</i>	<i>Jeremiah Potter, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>Samuel E. Gardner, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Thomas H. Hazard, Ensign.</i>

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Glocester Grenadiers. THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Glocester Grenadiers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* :

<i>Joktan Putnam</i> , Captain,	<i>George Shearman</i> , Second Lieut.
<i>Elisha Mitchell</i> , First Lieut.	<i>Enoch Thayer</i> , Ensign.

*Newport Artillery Com-
pany.* THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Artillery Company in Newport*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* :

<i>Francis Malbone</i> , Captain,	<i>Walter Channing</i> , Second Lieut.
<i>Benjamin Fry</i> , First Lieutenant,	<i>Joseph Boys</i> , jun. Ensign.

*Report of the Com-
pany to wit:* WHEREAS the following Report was made to this Assembly, who burnt

*Interest Cer-
tificates.* THE Committee appointed, at last *January Session*, to burn the Interest Certificates which have been received in the General-Treasury in Payment of Taxes, offer the following Report, that we have received of *Henry Sherburne*, Esq. General-Treasurer, *Four Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-two Certificates*, amounting to *Sixty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen Dollars*, and *Seventy-seven Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar*, that arose from the Interest this State hath paid on the *Loan-Office Certificates*, and liquidated Debt, of the United States : which Sum exactly corresponds with the Report made by a Committee, at the *Session held in October A. D. 1793*, excepting the Addition of One Certificate of *Five Dollars*, which the Treasurer informed us he had received since the abovementioned Report was made : And that we have carefully burnt the aforesaid Sum of *Sixty-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen Dollars and Seventy-seven Ninetieth Parts of a Dollar*. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

Newport, March 17, 1795.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesgoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Lottery for a Hotel in Providence suspended. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *David M'Lane*, of *Providence*, be, and he is hereby, directed to give Bonds, with Surety, to the Satisfaction of the General-Treasurer, that the Money to be raised by a Lottery granted the said *David M'Lane*, by an Act of this Assembly at the last Session, be appropriated according to said Act : That the Managers of said Lottery also give Bonds with Surety for the faithful Discharge of their Trust : That no further Proceedings be had relative to said Lottery until this Act be complied with : And

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And that the same be published in One of the *Providence* New-
papers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That so much of the Act passed in *May*, Part of the *A. D. 1786*, for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* *Act emit.*
as relates to a Forfeiture of the said Money upon being tendered, *ting Bills of*
and lodged in the General-Treasurer's Office he, and the same is *Credit in*
hereby, repealed : And that the General-Treasurer pay the Money *repealed.*
lodged in his Office, as aforesaid, to the Persons entitled to receive
the same, upon the Applicants producing satisfactory Proof of
such Title.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of *West-Greenwich*, in *D. L. Barnes*
this State, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented to apply to
that a Justice of the Peace in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts* *the Massa-*
hath issued a Warrant for the Removal of a Number of *Paupers* *chusetts, res-*
from the Town of *Rehoboth*, in the aforesaid Commonwealth, to *Laws relative*
the said Town of *West-Greenwich*, although the said Paupers were to *Paupers*,
never legally settled there ; and that by the existing Laws of the
said Commonwealth, no Appeal is allowed from the Order of the
said Justice, which was made *ex Parte*, to any Court, whatever, by
which great Inconveniences have already arisen to the said Town
of *West-Greenwich* ; and thereupon prayed the Interference of this
Assembly in their Behalf: And whereas the like may be sustained
by other Towns in this State, in similar Cases :

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *David L. Barnes*, Esq.
be, and he is hereby appointed to apply to the General Court of
the aforesaid Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, and represent to
them, in Behalf of this Assembly, the Inconveniences aforesaid,
and endeavour to obtain a Right by Law for the said Town of
West-Greenwich to appeal from the Order aforesaid, to such Su-
perior Court as the said General Court of the said Commonwealth
shall think proper ; and also the same Right of Appeal to all other
 Towns in this State, which may be in the same Situation.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said *David L. Barnes*,
also endeavour to obtain a Right for the Officers of
this State, having the Charge of removing Paupers through any
Part of the said Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, to convey them in
the same Manner that civil Officers are now authorized to convey
Prisoners in the said Commonwealth.

WHEREAS *Henry Ward*, Esq. exhibited unto this Assembly an *H. Ward al-*
Account by him charged against the State, for his Services as Se- *lowed £. 32*
cretary, from the Commencement of the last Session to the present *13s. 9d.*
Session, amounting to *Thirty-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and*
Nine Pence ; which was by the Lower House of Assembly submitted
to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit*:

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WE the Subscribers, being a Committee to examine the Account of *Henry Ward, Esq.* do report, that the same is rightly charged and cast.

JOHN HANDY,
THOMAS DURFEE, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Thirty-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Nine Pence*, be paid to the said *Henry Ward*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

*J. Waite al-
lowed £ 3.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds* be allowed and paid to *John Waite, Esq.* out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Services as a Justice of the Peace, in the Year 1794, in taking the Examinations of divers Persons, taken into Custody for criminal Offences.

*Com. to re-
vise the
Laws con-
tinued.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee who have compiled the Laws further proceed to revise the same; and incorporate them into as plain and comprehensive a System as may be.

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allowed £ 13
14s. 6d.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence*, be allowed and paid to *Mr. Nathaniel Phillips*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Printing done for the State from the last Session to the present Time.

*A. Topham's
Petition.* WHEREAS *Ann Topham*, Widow, and Administratrix of the Estate of *Col. John Topham*, late of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, deceased, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented, that all the personal Property of her said deceased Husband is insufficient to pay his Debts; among which is one due to the State, for Duties on Goods imported when *Mr. John Wanton* was Collector of Impost, amounting to *Sixty-Three Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*, lawful Money: That he died seized of a small real Estate, consisting principally of a Lot of Land and House thereon: That she hath great Reason to hope that, if the said Debt due to the State be remitted, she shall be able, with the generous Assistance of her Friends, to preserve the said real Estate for a Home for herself and her Family of small Children, which must otherwise be sold: And that her said deceased Husband, in the very earliest Part of our late glorious Revolution, chearfully stepped forth in the Defence of his Country, and served in the Field with Reputation until his Services were no longer required; for which he never received any thing more than the nominal Sum in the depreciated State of the late Continental Bills of Credit: And thereupon the said *Ann Topham* besought this Assembly to remit the said Debt

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Debt due to the State, as aforesaid, and to exonerate and discharge the Estate of the said *John Topham*, from the Payment thereof:

On due Consideration of the aforesaid Petition,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer therein contained be and the same is hereby granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifteen Pounds* be allowed and *Grant to 8.* paid to *Samuel Eddy*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, *Eddy £ 15.* or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, on Account of his Services, as one of the Committee for compiling the Laws of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Champlin*, and *John Handy*, Com. to Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ascertain what Repairs are necessary to be made on the Gaol in the *Gaol in Newport*, County of *Newport*; and that the said Committee make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS the following Report was made to this Assembly, *Report of the Gen. Treasurer.* to wit:

THE General-Treasurer respectfully presents to the Legislature the following Statement and Report, to wit:

THERE remain unpaid of the State Tax ordered at the Session held in *October, A. D. 1794*, from the undermentioned Towns, the Sums set against them respectively, exclusive of Interest, to wit:

<i>Portsmouth,</i>	£.	28	5	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Tiverton,</i>		102	5	1
<i>Little-Compton,</i>		12	11	0
<i>New-Bedford,</i>		14	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<hr/> £. 157 10 2 $\frac{3}{4}$		

<i>Providence,</i>	484	0	3
<i>Smithfield,</i>	13	13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Glocester,</i>	7.9	19	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Cumberland,</i>	46	16	3
<i>Cranston,</i>	102	5	3
<i>Foster.</i>	11	19	2
			<hr/> 736 13 8 $\frac{1}{4}$

<i>Westerly,</i>	84	5	1
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	125	14	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	376	7	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Charlestown,</i>	100	15	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	27	14	7
<i>Exeter,</i>	20	17	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
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THE Treasurer begs Leave to observe, that on perusing the Act, passed at January Session, A. D. 1795, making Provision for the Transfer of the Stock of the United States, belonging to this State, to the individual Creditors thereof; the following Descriptions of State Notes and Certificates were omitted, *to wit*: Notes given for Stock driven from *Rhode-Island*, when the *British* Troops took Possession of that Island:—Notes given for Boats, and Scows lost in the public Service:—Notes given for the Slaves who enlisted into the Continental Army:—Certificates given for the Pay of the Troops which served under Capt. *Henry Dayton*; and for the Pay of the Troops which served in the Militia.

THE Treasurer presumes it was the Intention of the Legislature, by the aforesaid Act of January last, to permit the Creditors of the State to subscribe for any Kind of Debt that the State justly owed; but that he cannot receive such as are before described, without being authorized by the General Assembly so to do.

HENRY SHERBURNE, *Gen. Treasurer.*

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted: And that the Descriptions of Debts due from this State, agreeably to the above Representation of the General-Treasurer, be received by him in the same Manner as if they had been particularly comprehended in the aforesaid Act, passed at the Session held in January, A. D. 1795, making Provision for the Transfer of the Stock of the United States, belonging to this State, to the individual Creditors thereof.

C. Gardner *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings allowed £ 2 be allowed and paid to *Caleb Gardner*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Wood by him supplied for the Use of the Courts in the County of *Washington*.

Grant to Providence for the Support of French Exiles *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Fifteen Pounds Twelve Shillings be paid to the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Providence*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of an Account charged by the said Town, against the State, for the Support of *French Exiles*.

Expense of Sheriffs for summoning Jurors to try any Cause, whether civil or Criminal, paid by the General Treasury. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Accounts allowed, or that may hereafter be allowed, by the different Courts in this State, for the Service of Sheriffs, specially appointed to summon Jurors to try any Cause, whether civil or Criminal, be paid out of the General Treasury.

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An ACT respecting the Fishery in Barrington River.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That no Seine shall be drawn in Bar-
rington River, for the taking of Fish from the First Day of March
to the Fifteenth Day of May, forever hereafter, under the Penalty
of Forty Pounds, for each Offence, to be recovered by Action of
Debt, to be commenced against the Offender, or Offenders, at the
Court of Common Pleas for the County of Bristol, in the Name of
the Treasurer of the Town of Barrington, at any Time within one
Year after any Offence shall be committed, as aforesaid, together
with the Costs of Prosecution; One Half thereof to be placed in
the Town-Treasury of the said Town of Barrington, for the Use of
the said Town, and the other Moiety to and for the Use of the In-
former: And that all Laws heretofore passed, relative to the Fish-
ery in the said River be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence be allowed and paid to Mr. Henry Barber, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Printing done for the State to the present Time.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Two Shillings be allowed and paid to Jonathan Almy, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Rent for Six Months (to the 30th Day of April last) of One Third of a Lot of Land, and House thereon, in Newport, being the Dower of Mrs. Freeclove Eldred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That from and after the Rising of this Assembly, the several Gaol-Keepers in this State be allowed at the Rate of Six Shillings per Week, for the Maintenance of poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the First and Third Companies of Two Companies in Infantry, in the Town of Johnston, be incorporated into One Company, by the Name of The First Company of Infantry in the Town of Johnston formed into One.

IT is Voted and Resolved That Rowland Brown, and Eliza R. Potter, Esq's. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to revise the Bounds of the Gaol-Yard, in the County of Washington; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

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An ACT to incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of *The Proprietors of the Pawtucket School-House.*

Charter to
Pawtucket
School.

WHEREAS Schools and public Institutions for the Promotion of Literature are of the highest Importance in Society, by training up the rising Generation in the Paths of Virtue and Knowledge, and have justly received the Approbation of the wise and virtuous in every Age: And, whereas the erecting a School-House, for that Purpose, at *Pawtucket*, within this State, will be highly advantageous to that Place, and honorable to the Government; and a Number of Persons, hereinafter named, appear as Undertakers in this laudable Design, and thereupon a Petition hath been preferred to this Assembly, praying that full Liberty and Power may be granted unto them to erect a Building at *Pawtucket* aforesaid, for the Education of Youth; and that, for the more effectual Execution of their Design, they may be incorporated into a Body politic, to be known in Law, with the Powers and Privileges necessary for the Purpose aforesaid: And this Assembly being desirous to promote useful Knowledge among all Ranks and Degrees of Citizens,

Do Enact, Grant, Constitute, Ordain and Declare, and by the Authority thereof is hereby Enacted, Granted, Constituted, Ordained and Declared, That *Gorton Chace, Jerathmael Jenks, Timothy Greene, Samuel Slater, David Jenks, James Durfee, Aretas Swettland, Charles Robbins, Nathan Daggett, Thomas Spears, Sylvester Bowers, Levi Jenks, George Jencks, Nathaniel Croade, Hosea Humpbry, Samuel Healy, George Robinson, Stephen Jenks, jun. Nathaniel Walker, jun. Jesse Salisbury, Eliphalet Slack, Asa Bowers, James Mason, Joseph Miller, jun. David Bucklin, Ebenezer Tyler, John Bucklin, Josiah Armington, Sylvanus Brown, Lewis Slack, David Kennedy, Oliver Starkweather, and John Fry*, together with such others as shall hereafter become Proprietors, and their Successors and Assigns, shall be forever hereafter One Body corporate and politic, in Fact and Name, to be known and distinguished in Law by the Name of *The Proprietors of the Pawtucket School-House*: That by the same Name their Successors and Assigns, shall and may have perpetual Succession; and shall and may be Persons able and capable in Law, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against in all and singular Suits, Causes, Matters, Actions and Things of what Kind soever; and also to have, take, possess, purchase, acquire, or otherwise receive and hold Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, or other Estates, not exceeding the Value of *Ten Thousand Dollars*; of all which they may and shall stand seized, notwithstanding any Misnomer of the Corporation; and by whatever Name, or however imperfectly, the same shall be described in any Gift, Devise, Bequest or Assignment, provided the true Intent of the Benefactor, or Assignee be evident; and also the same to grant, demise, alien, lease, use, occupy, manage and improve, according to the Tenor of the Donations,

Donations, and to the Purposes, Trusts and Uses to which they shall be seized thereof: And that full Liberty, Power and Authority be, and is hereby, granted unto the said Proprietors of *Pawtucket School-House* to erect a Building, to be occupied as a School-House, for instructing Youth in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, and such other useful and ornamental Learning as a Committee of the Corporation may permit, without incommoding the aforesnamed Branches of Learning.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Building shall be held by the Proprietors in Shares: That every Man holding One Share, or original Half-Share, shall have One Vote; and that a Majority of the Voters present at any legal Meeting, not being less than Seven, shall determine all Questions.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Corporation shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, or make anew at Pleasure.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Corporation may receive into their Body such Persons as they shall judge proper, being Proprietors of One Share, or original Half-Share: And that the said Corporation shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, full Power, at any of their stated Meetings, to make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws, as they shall judge needful for the better Government of the Corporation, and to alter the same: Provided that such Rules, Orders and By-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or the Design of their Institution.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Meeting of the Corporation at *Pawtucket*, in *North-Providence*, on the First Monday in October annually, forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the Corporation, they shall, out of their Body politic, by a Majority of the Proprietors present, elect a President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the said Corporation; who shall, before they are qualified to act, be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.*

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Proprietor's Committee, consisting of Three of the Proprietors, chosen at every annual Meeting, by a Majority of the Voters present, to conduct the Busines of the Corporation, and for executing their Votes and Resolves: And that the said Committee shall have Authority to let the School-House for the Use of the Corporation, in Proportion to the Subscription of each of the Proprietors, or to contract with School-Masters, as the Proprietors shall direct.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That *Hosea Humprey*, be the First President, *Ebenezer Tyler*, the First Treasurer, and *Timothy Greene*, the First Secretary of the said Corporation; and that *Samuel Slater, George Jenks, and Samuel Healy* be the First Proprietors'*

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prietors' Committee, to continue in their several Places until the First Monday in October next.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the House to be built by the said Corporation for a School-House as aforesaid, and the Lot whereon it may stand, shall be liable to be sold, and the Money arising from the Sale vested in another Lot and School-House, whenever Three Quarters of the Proprietors shall so order it, at a regular Meeting, and not otherwise.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Meeting of the Corporation, at Pawtucket aforesaid, may be called at Three Days Notice, by the President, on Application to him made in Writing, signed by Four Members.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to sign a fair Copy of this Act, and cause the Seal of the said State to be thereto affixed, which shall grant and convey to the said Proprietors of the Pawtucket School-House all and every the Powers, Rights and Privileges in this Act contained and mentioned, and intended to be granted and conveyed.

Committee
on Indian
Affairs to
number the
Tribe, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the present Committee for taking Care of, and settling the Affairs of the Narragansett Tribe of Indians in this State be, and they are hereby, empowered to appoint a suitable Person to number the Persons belonging to the said Tribe, agreeably to the Mode pointed out by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, in an Act relative to Lands in Brotherton, in that State; and also to send forward to Brotherton, by some suitable Person, the Account of the Number of the said Tribe, to enable such of them as shall choose to remove thither to receive their proportionable Share of the Lands to be assigned in that Town to the Indians.

An ACT in Addition to an Act entitled "An Act directing the Proceedings against forcible Entry and Detainer."

Act relative
to forcible
Entry and
Detainer ex-
tended.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly and by the Authority therefore of it is hereby Enacted, That the Proceedings in an Act entitled "An Act directing the Proceedings against forcible Entry and Detainer" extend to all Cases of forcible Detainer of Houses or Lands, by the Tenant, or Person in Possession, by Lease written, Parol, or otherwise; and that this Act take Place, and be in Force immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty Pounds Grant to the be allowed and paid to his Excellency Arthur Fenner, Esq. out of Governor the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by L. 120. this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, for his Services as Governor of the State the Year past.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Sixty Pounds be allowed and Grant to the paid to the Honorable Samuel J. Potter, Esq. out of the General- Dep. Gover- Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, nor L. 60 at the established Rate of Exchange, for his Services as Deputy- Governor of the State for the Year past.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence J. Richards be allowed and paid to Mr. John Richards, out of the General- allowed Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, 13s. 6d. at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence be J. Tew allowed and paid to Mr. James Tew, out of the General-Treasury, allowed in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the es- 13s. 6d. tablished Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds and Six Pence be al- S. Eddy al- lowed and paid to Samuel Eddy, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, lowed in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the estab- L. 2 os. 6d. lished Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower House, and for providing Paper and Quills.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Forty-two Pounds Two Shillings J. Whitmore and Eight Pence be allowed and paid to Mr. Jesse Whitmore, Keep- allowed er of the Gaol in the County of Providence, out of the General- L. 42 2s. 8d. Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, to the present Time, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, for Repairs made on the Gaol, for the Expence of a Guard, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence J. Tew be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Tew, out of the General-Trea- allowed sury, in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the 16s. 6d. established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, and for providing Sand for the State-House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence T. Melvill be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Melvill, out of the General- allowed Treasury, in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, 16s. 6d. at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account,

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Account, for Attendance at the present Session of this Assembly, as a Waiter, and for providing Brooms for the State-House.

Grant to *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Pounds, Twelve Shillings be Newport for allowed and paid to the Town-Treasurer of the Town of Newport, the Support of French out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being £.6 12s. the Amount of an Account charged by the said Town against the State, for the Support of French Exiles.

Proxes to be burnt. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of Newport be, and he is hereby, directed to burn the Proxes delivered in, at the present Election, for General Officers.

Adjourn-
ment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session ; that the Acts and Orders now made and passed be published, and transmitted by the Secretary in the usual Manner : And that this Assembly be adjourned to the Second Monday in June next, then to convene in the State-House in Newport.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward D. S. G.

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND) :

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JUNE, 1795.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and held, by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* in *June*, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Nineteenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,
HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE
SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Esq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Esq.*.
PELEG ARNOLD, *Esq.*.
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Esq.*.
CALEB GARDNER, *Esq.*.
JOHN COOKE, *Esq.*.
JAMES CONGDON, *Esq.*.
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Esq.*.
GEORGE BROWN, *Esq.*.
JOB WATSON, *Esq.*.
JOHN HARRIS, *Esq.*.
ASSISTANTS.

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable JOSEPH STANTON, Esq. Speaker.

NEWPORT :	CHARLESTOWN :
George Champlin, Esq.	Mr. Speaker,
John Handy, Esq.	Mr. Edward Wilcox.
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,	WEST-GREENWICH :
Mr. Christopher Fowler,	Samuel Hopkins, Esq.
Simeon Martin, Esq.	Amos Jaqways, Esq.
PROVIDENCE :	COVENTRY :
Welcome Arnold, Esq.	Joseph Rice, Esq.
Charles Lippitt, Esq.	Mr. Benjamin Arnold.
John Smith, Esq.	EXETER :
Mr. Nicholas Easton.	Stephen Wightman, Esq.
PORTSMOUTH :	Mr. Abraham Wilcox, jun.
Abraham Anthony, jun Esq.	MIDDLETOWN :
Tillinghast Almy, Esq.	Mr. Joshua Peckham,
Mr. Richard Shearman,	Mr. Isaac Barker.
Mr. Thomas Potter.	BRISTOL :
WARWICK :	Samuel Wardwell, Esq.
Moses Arnold, Esq.	Loring Peck, Esq.
Anthony Holden, Esq.	TIVERTON :
Mr. Joseph Brown,	Thomas Durfee, Esq.
Henry Remington, Esq.	Christopher Manchester, Esq.
WESTERLY :	LITTLE-COMPTON :
Thomas Noyes, Esq.	Mr. George Simmons,
Rowse Babcock, Esq.	Mr. Isaac Baley.
NEW-SHOREHAM :	WARREN :
Mr. Edward Sands.	Mr. Charles Wheaton,
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	Ichabod Cole, Esq.
Daniel Updike, Esq.	CUMBERLAND :
George Thomas, Esq.	Jotham Carpenter, Esq.
SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :	Elijah Brown, Esq.
Elisha R. Potter, Esq.	RICHMOND :
Rowland Brown, Esq.	Jonathan Maxson, Esq.
EAST-GREENWICH :	Mr. Thomas James.
Mr. William Greene (Son of Benjamin)	CRANSTON :
Mr. George Tillinghast.	Mr. Jonathan Knight,
JAMESTOWN :	HOPKINTON :
Mr. Daniel Weeden, jun.	George Thurston, Esq.
Mr. John Remington.	Moses Barber, Esq.
SMITHFIELD :	JOHNSTON :
John Paine, Esq.	Noah Mathewson, Esq.
Mr. Henry Jenckes.	Mr. William Waterman.
SCITUATE :	NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
James Aldrich, Esq.	Ezekiel Whipple, Esq.
Job Randall, Esq.	Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.
GLOCESTER :	BARRINGTON :
Samuel Winsor, Esq.	Thomas Allin, Esq.
Mr. Silas Thayer.	FOSTER :
	William Tyler, Esq.
	Daniel Howard, Esq.

ASHER ROBBINS, Esq. was chosen Clerk of the Lower-House for the present Session; SAMUEL EDDY, Esq. being necessarily absent.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Ten Shillings and Two Pence be allowed and paid to John Smith, Esq. out of the General-Treasury in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for repairing the State-House in Providence.

*THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Gloucester Grenadiers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, to wit :*

*Elisha Mitchell, Captain, | Daniel Thompson, Second Lieut.
Enoch Thayer, First Lieutenant, | Joseph Putnam, Ensign.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Handy, and Simeon Martin, Esq's. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to make such Repairs on the Gaol in the County of Newport, as are necessary for the preservation of the Building ; and that they be empowered to draw, for that Purpose, the Sum of Sixty Pounds, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

UPON the Petition of Giles Hoffer, of Newport, Brewer, praying that he may be permitted to occupy and partition off the North-East Quarter Part, more or less, of the Cellar under the State-House in Newport, in order to try, for a few Years, whether the putting up bottled Beer for Exportation will be advantageous to himself and the Public ; and offering, if the Trial shall prove successful, to give a valuable Consideration for the Use thereof, in Case any shall be demanded :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted ; and that George Champlin, Esq. be appointed to superintend the Execution thereof.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the said George Champlin, be empowered to lease that Part of the said Cellar now occupied by David Buffum, on the best Terms he can.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition from the Town of Scituate, praying that the Act permitting a Turnpike on the Road through that Town, Foster and Coventry, may be repealed, be received and referred to the next Session ; and that, in the mean Time, the adverse Party be cited to shew Cause, if any they may have, why the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition should not be granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Foster, praying that the Act permitting a Turnpike on the Road through that Town, Scituate and Coventry may be repealed, be received and referred to the next Session ; and that, in the mean Time, the adverse Party be cited to shew Cause, if any they may have, why the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition ought not to be granted.

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Lottery to WHEREAS the Congregation of St. John's Church, in the Town of Providence, preferred a Petition to this Assembly and represented, that they have long had it in Contemplation to purchase a Lot, and to erect a Parsonage-House thereon, for the residence of the Minister officiating in that Church; but find themselves unable to carry their Views into complete Execution from their private Funds; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to empower them to raise by Way of Lottery Five Thousand Dollars, for the Purpose aforesaid; the Directors previously giving good and sufficient Bonds for the faithful discharge of the Trust reposed in them:

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

Grant to S. Jenckes, jun. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighteen Pounds be granted to Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq. to purchase Plank for repairing Pawtucket Bridge; that he be accountable therefor; and that the same be paid out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange.

N. Mathew. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and *allowed* Eight Pence be allowed and paid to Noah Mathewson, Esq. out of £ 5 15 8. the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services as one of the Committee for relaying the Post-Road (leading to Norwich) from Providence, to Connecticut Line.

H. Ward al- WHEREAS Henry Ward, Esq. exhibited unto this Assembly an *owed* Account by him charged against the State, for his Services as Secretary, from the Commencement of the last Session to the present Session, amounting to Twenty-Eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eight Pence; which was by the Lower House of Assembly submitted to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit*:

We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Account of Henry Ward, Esq. do report, that the same is rightly charged and cast.

JOHN HANDY,
NICHOLAS TAYLOR, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said sum of Twenty-Eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eight Pence be paid to the said Henry Ward, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange.

W. Taggart al- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Thirty-three Pounds be allowed *owed* and paid to William Taggart, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in £. 33. Specie,

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Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature &c. during the last Circuit, and for divers other Services out of Term-Time.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and G. Thomas Eight Pence be allowed and paid to George Thomas, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services, as one of the Committee for relaying the Post Road from Providence, towards Norwich, to Connecticut Line.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Three Shillings be allowed and paid to Christopher Ellery, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for taking the Examinations of divers poor Prisoners committed to Gaol, upon Suspicion of having been guilty of criminal Offences, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Seven Shillings and T. Allin allowed. Eight Pence be allowed and paid to Thomas Allin, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services as the Surveyor, and one of the Committee for relaying the Post Road from Providence, towards Norwich, to Connecticut Line.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered to receive the Notes issued by the late General-Treasurer on Cards, commonly called Card-Notes, in the Loan ordered by the Act passed at January Session last for transferring Stock to the Creditors of the State : And that he liquidate the said Notes, according to the Scale of Depreciation, by their Dates.

The following Report was presented to this Assembly, *to wit* : Report of the General-Treasurer.
State of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations.

IN Obedience to the Act of the Honourable the General Assembly, passed at the Session held in January, A. D. 1795, entitled "An Act making Provision for the Transfer of the Stock of the United States, belonging to this State, to the individual Creditors thereof," the General-Treasurer respectfully offers to the Legislature the following Report, *to wit* :

325 Abstracts, completed, composed of the following Kinds of State Debts, to wit :

Dolls. Cents.

180 Impost Certificates—amounting, with Interest, to	4,121 1
8 Certificates for Militia Service,	ditto, 169 87

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192 Interest Certificates on Loan-Office Certificates, ditto,	3,065	66
621 Certificates issued by <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Commissioner of Loans,	75,435	92
3 Invalid Certificates,	219	71
51 Teaming Certificates,	3,366	66
27 Notes, issued previous to the Revolution,	6,079	6
4 Notes for Boats and Scows,	138	70
11 Notes for Stock driven from <i>Rhode-Island</i> ,	1,865	99
45 Notes to Creditors of the Estates of Absentees,	16,748	66
40 Notes for the Certificates issued by the Commissary of Purchases, and Money issued in <i>June, A. D. 1780</i> ,	5,702	22
169 Notes for the Pay of the Soldiers of the late Army,	21,856	55
841 Notes for sinking the Four per Cent. Notes,	69,781	47
355 Notes for consolidating Paper Money,	17,183	66
173 Notes for consolidating Securities issued for Paper Money,	39,973	72
	<u>265,708</u>	<u>86</u>

21 Abstracts, completed in Part, composed of the following Kinds of State Debt, to wit :

	Dolls. Cents.
27 Impost Certificates—amounting with Interest to	1,461 22
241 Interest Certificates on Loan-Office Certificates,	ditto, 6,611 83
7 Certificates issued by <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Commissioner of Loans,	ditto, 24,052 50
62 Teaming Certificates,	ditto, 3,670 8
4 Invalid Certificates,	ditto, 186 34
1 Certificate for Militia Service,	ditto, 5 14
2 Notes for Boats and Scows,	ditto, 102 99
5 Notes to Creditors of the Estates of Absentees,	ditto, 4,138 43
7 Notes for Certificates issued by the Commissary of Purchases, and Money emitted in <i>June, A. D. 1780</i> ,	ditto, 3,114 79
23 Notes for the Pay of the Soldiers of the late Army,	ditto, 2,296 56
106 Notes for sinking Four per cent Notes,	ditto, 6,244 18
34 Notes for consolidating Paper Money,	ditto, 1,644 31
18 Notes for consolidating Securities issued for Paper Money,	ditto, 1,796 49
	<u>55,324 86</u>

32 Abstracts, containing 97 Notes and 25 Certificates lodged in the Office, their Amount not accurately ascertained, but, with the Interest included, supposed to amount to,

25,955 00

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Number of Abstracts 378, amounting in the whole to, 346,988 72

The General-Treasurer further reports, that, exclusive of the aforesaid Description of State Debt there is lodged in the Office upwards of *Three Hundred Pounds*, lawful Money, in Notes given in Payment of Wages, and the Depreciation of Wages due to the Soldiers of the late Army, for which he hath not issued the Abstracts, as they are contained in the List of that Kind of Notes which are supposed to have been fraudulently obtained from the Office. On this particular Part of the Debt he requests the Legislature to give him Directions how to proceed, as many of the Holders of them are often making Application for an Adjustment of their Demands. All which is submitted by

HENRY SHERBURNE, *Gen. Treasurer.*

Newport, June 9, 1795.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted: That the Time for subscribing to the Loan mentioned in the aforesaid Act be extended, and construed to extend to the Tenth Day of *August* next: That *John Handy*, Esq. *Mr. Christopher Fowler*, and the General-Treasurer, be a Committee to ascertain which of those Notes therein mentioned, supposed to have been procured fraudulently, have been obtained *bona Fide* and certify the same; that such Notes, so certified, may be subscribed to the said Loan: That the said Committee mark such of those Notes as appear to have been fraudulently obtained, and return them to the Claimants; that the original Creditor, in such Cases, on producing Certificates from the Secretary of his Debt, shall have the same certified by the said Committee; and that such Certificates, so certified, may be also subscribed to the said Loan: That this Act take Effect and be in Force immediately: And that so much of this Act as relates to the said fraudulent Notes, and the original Creditors, be published in all the Newspapers in the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of Messieurs *George Dorrance*, *John Greene* (Son of *Thomas*) and *John Rice*, of the Damages to the Estates of *C. Love*, *J. Love*, by the new Highway, which is proposed to be run through their Estates in *Coventry*, be established, be received and referred to the next Session of this Assembly.

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An ACT in Amendment of an Act, passed at the Session held in January last, entitled, "An Act making Provision for the Transfer of the Stock of the United States, belonging to this State, to the individual Creditors thereof."

Act in a-
mendment
to the trans-
fer Bill.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority aforesaid, That the General-Treasurer, immediately after the Tenth Day of August next, being the Period limited for receiving the Notes and other Evidences of this State's Debt into the General-Treasury, agreeably to the aforesaid Act, cause all the said Notes and other Evidences to be cancelled with a suitable Punch, to be provided by him for that Purpose: And that upon the said Notes and other Evidences being so cancelled, the General-Treasurer deliver the same to the Commissioner of Loans for the United States, in this State, in order to effect a Transfer of the Stock standing to the Credit of this State on the Books of the said Commissioner, pursuant to the Provisions of the said Act.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Lieu of the Certificates First mentioned in the said Act, directed to be given to the Creditors who shall deliver to the General-Treasurer their Notes and other Evidences of State-Debt, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to them respectively, a Certificate of the Form and Tenor following, to wit :

State of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations.

[No.] General-Treasurer's Office, 1795.

IN pursuance of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act authorising the Transfer of the Stock standing to the Credit of certain States," and an Act of the State aforesaid, passed at January, Session, A. D. 1795, entitled "An Act making Provision for the Transfer of the Stock of the United States, belonging to this State, to the individual Creditors thereof," and for Value received in Evidences of Debts due by the said State, prior to the First Day of July, A. D. 1793, I do hereby assent and transfer unto in funded Six per Cent. Stock, in deferred Six per Cent. Stock, and in funded Three per Cent. Stock, amounting in the whole to [to be expressed in Words] being in Part of Stock standing to the Credit of the said State on the Books of the Commissioner of Loans for the United States, in the said State.

H. S. General-Treasurer.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, required, previous to the Delivery of the said Certificates to the respective Creditors, to require of them respectively an Acknowledgment of their Assent to accept the same in Exchange for the Debt for which it is given, in the Words following, to wit :

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I DO hereby consent to and accept of the above Transfer in Satisfaction for a Debt due from the State aforesaid : A. B.

AND that the said Assent be subscribed by the Creditor, and annexed to the Certificate above prescribed.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed by the Lower House to audit the Account of *James Helme, Esq.* presented unto this Assembly the following State thereof, and Report, *to wit* : Report upon J. Helme's Account, who is allowed

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with *James Helme*, £.83 19 6½

To the Amount of the Expence of repairing the State House in the County of Washington, the particular Charges for which appear by the several Bills herewith presented,

£.535 8 7½

Creditor,

By several Grants made by the General Assembly, and received out of the General-Treasury,	£.490 0 0
By a Bill of Sundries,	1 9 1
Balance due from the State to the said <i>James Helme</i> ,	43 19 6½
	£.535 8 7½

AGREEABLY to our appointment, we have carefully examined the Account of *James Helme, Esq.* and compared it with the Vouchers, and find the abovementioned Balance of *Forty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence Half-penny* due thereon.

JOHN HANDY, } Committee.
NICHOLAS TAYLOR, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be accepted ; and that the said Balance of *Forty-three Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence Half-penny*, together with the Sum of *Forty Pounds* for his Time and the Expences of procuring the Materials for repairing the said State-House, and superintending the same, making the Sum of *Eighty-Three Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence Half-penny*, be allowed and paid to the said *James Helme*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Ezekiel Cornell, and Eliab Armstrong* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of the Managers of *Glocester South Road Lottery* ; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed by the Lower House of *H. Bowen's Assembly* to audit the Account of *Henry Bowen, Town-Sergeant of Providence*, for his own Attendance, and the Attendance of Waiters, Report upon H. Bowen's Account, who is allowed

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ers provided by him, upon the General Assembly, and the Courts in the County of *Providence* from *September* last to the present Time, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

IN Obedience to our Appointment, we have examined the Accounts of Mr. *Henry Bowen*, and find the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds, Eight Shillings and Six Pence* due to him thereon: Which is submitted by

CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, }
JOHN SMITH, } Committee.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Six Pence* be paid to the said *Henry Bowen*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

Lottery granted for building a Meeting-House in Providence.

WHEREAS the Members of the Church, and the Congregation attending upon the Ministry of the Rev. *Joseph Snow*, in *Providence*, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented, that they have purchased a suitable Lot on the West Side of the River in *Providence*, for erecting a Meeting-House, wherein they may assemble for public Worship, raised the Frame thereof, and partly inclosed it; but that they are not able to complete the same; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them Liberty to set forth and draw a Lottery for raising *Four Thousand Dollars*, to be applied to the Purpose of completing the said Meeting-House; and a Number of other respectable Inhabitants of *Providence* having joined in the Prayer of the said Petition: Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted: That the aforesaid Petitioners, or a Majority of them, be empowered to appoint the Managers of the said Lottery; who, upon their giving Bond, with sufficient Surety to the Satisfaction of the General-Treasurer, in the Amount of the Tickets offered for Sale, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them, are hereby authorised and fully empowered to set forth a Lottery for raising the said Sum of *Four Thousand Dollars*, upon such Scheme as they shall think proper, and to complete the same, for the Purpose aforesaid: *Provided nevertheless*, That no Proceedings be had therein until the First Day of *September* next.

Coventry Pe-
tition ref-
erring a
Turnpike
Road refer-
red.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition from the Town of *Coventry*, respecting the Revival of the Road leading from *Providence* to *Norwich*, made by the Committee appointed at last *Janu-*
ary Session, and reported at the present Session, be received, and referred to the next Session for Consideration.

Acquies-
cence of a
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the Turn-
pike Road
referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Paper subscribed by a considerable Number of People declaring their Acquiescence in the Revival of the Road in the foregoing Resolve mentioned be received, and referred to the next Session for Consideration.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Office of a Public Notary be established and kept in the Town of Warren, and that the Public Notary for that Town shall, in future, be annually elected at the General Elections.

Public Notary established in Warren.

BOTH Houses, being resolved into a Grand Committee, elected the following Gentlemen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

Officers chosen.

Peleg Arnold, Esq. Chief Justice of the Superior Court
Joseph Hoxsie, Esq. Second of Judicature, Court of Assize,
Walter Cooke, Esq. Third and General Gaol-Delivery, within and throughout the State.
Joshua Bicknell, Esq. Fourth
Thomas Tillinghast, Esq. Fifth

William T. Miller, Esq. Public Notary for the Town of Warren.

JUSTICES of the PEACE.

Scituate :

John Wilkinson, Levi Ballou, Esq.
Benjamin Angell,
Jeremiah Stone,
Esquires.

Exeter :

Job Wilcox, Daniel Howard,
Thomas Weeden, Caleb Potter,
Esquires.

Middletown :

Parker Hall, Esq.

Cumberland :

Levi Ballou, Esq.
All the preceding Justices are in
Addition to those appointed at the
last Session.

Foster :

William Tyler,
Daniel Howard,
Caleb Potter,
Simeon Seamans,
Joseph Davis,
Jacob Phillips,
Esquires.

MILITARY OFFICERS.

Amaziab Weatherhead, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Rufus Brayton, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Elisha R. Gardner, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Nebemias Angell, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fifth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Edward Wilcox, Esq. Second Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Washington.

Daniel Arnold, Esq. First Major of the Second Regiment of Nathan Dexter, Esq. Second Militia in the County of Providence.
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Silas Bailey, Esq. First } Major of the Second Regiment of
Karmy Whitford, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of *Kent*.

George James, Esq. First } Major of the Third Regiment of Mi-
John Weeden, Esq. Second } litia in the County of *Washington*.
John Hall, Adjutant of the same Regiment.

Hugh Cole, Esq. First } Major of the Fifth Regiment of Mi-
Thomas Parker, Esq. Second } litia in the County of *Providence*.

Benjamin Taylor, Esq. First Major of the First Regiment of Mi-
litia in the County of *Washington*.

OFFICERS to command the following Companies of INFAN-
TRY, *to wit*:

Senior Class Company in *New-*
port and Jamestown:

Samuel Sanford (the 2d) Cap-
tain,

Robert Dunham, Lieutenant,
John Tew, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Port-*
mouth and Middletown:

William Taggart, jun. Captain,
William Lawton, Lieutenant,
Walter Cornell, Ensign.

Middletown Company :
Caleb Peabody, Captain,
Jonathan Coggeshall, jun. Lieut.
Giles Manchester, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Prov-*
idence:

Peter Taylor, Captain,
Daniel Stilwell, Lieutenant,
James Burrill, jun. Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *North-*
Providence:

Benjamin Jenks, Captain,
Richard Whipple, Lieutenant,
Nathaniel Walker, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Wes-*
terly:

Henry Wells, Captain,
James Ross, Lieutenant,
Jonathan Sisson, Ensign.

First Company :
Timothy Chapman, Captain,
Jared Babcock, Lieutenant,
Resolved Carr, Ensign.

Second Company :
Joseph Noyes (the 2d) Captain,
Arnold Bliven, Lieutenant,
George Wells, Ensign.

Third Company :
Nathan Potter, Captain,
Samuel Taylor, Lieutenant,
Nathan Stillman, Ensign.

Fourth Company :
Thomas Sisson, Captain,
Iehabod Clarke, jun. Lieutenant,
Arnold Saunders, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in
Charlestown :
Samuel Perry, Captain,
Henry Greene, jun. Lieutenant.
Jeremiah Taylor, Ensign.

First Company :
Ethan Crandall, Captain,
Braddock Peckham, Lieutenant,
Dennis Taylor, Ensign.

Second Company :
Asa Church, Captain,
Browning Greene, Lieutenant,
James Kinyon, Ensign.

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Senior Class Company in *Hopkinton* :

Nathan Barber, Captain,
Gardner Thurston, Lieutenant,
George Maxson, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in the
County of *Bristol* :

Benjamin Bosworth, Captain,
John Short, Lieutenant,
Edward Mason, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Warwick* and *East-Greenwich* :

Mumford Davis, Captain,
James Miller, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Remington, Ensign.

Warwick, Second Company :

Benedict Arnold, Captain,
Joseph Arnold (the 2d) Lieut.
Charles Brayton, Ensign.

East-Greenwich, First Company :

William G. Spencer, Captain,
Joseph Stone, Lieutenant,
Jonathan Andrews, jun. Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Tiverton*:

Isaac Cooke, Captain,
Pierce Perry, Lieutenant.
Philip Manchester, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Little-
Compton* :

John Davis, Captain,
William Southworth, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Coe, Ensign.

Second Company :

Joseph Pierce, Captain,
Walter Wilbur, Lieutenant,
Sylvester Woodman, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Smith-
field* :

Job Mowry, Captain,
George Streeter, Lieutenant,
Richard Sayles, jun. Ensign.

Smithfield, First Company :

Adam Jenckes, Captain,
Jeremiah Whipple, Lieutenant,
Thomas Angell, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Cum-
berland* :

Benjamin S. Walcot, Captain,
Joseph Foller, Lieutenant,
Noah Ballou, jun. Ensign.

Second Company :

William Ballou, Captain,
Baruch Aldrich, Lieutenant,
Jeremiah Inman, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *North-
Kingstown* :

Stukely Hill, Captain,
William T. Congdon, Lieut.
George Thomas, jun. Ensign.

First Company :

Caleb Hill, jun. Captain,
Caleb Allen, Lieutenant,
Royal Vaughan, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Exeter* :

Oliver Spink, Captain,
Ebenezer Wilcox, Lieutenant,
Jeffery Haffard, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *West-
Greenwich* :

Silas James, Captain,
Simeon Whitford, Lieutenant,
John Caley, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Co-
ventry* :

Langford Weaver, Captain,
Job Matteson, Lieutenant,
John Lewis, Ensign.

Second Company :

Joseph Wickes, jun. Captain,
Joshua Johnson, Lieutenant,
Joseph Greene, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Scit-
uate* :

Caleb Fisk, Captain,
Eliezer Collins, Lieutenant,
Jeremiah Baker, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *South-
Kingstown* :

Samuel Stanton, Captain,
Daniel

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Daniel Tafft, Lieutenant,
Isaac Sheldon, Ensign.

First Company :
Augustus Babcock, Captain,
Benj. T. Sheffield, Lieutenant,
Jeffery H. Browning, Ensign.

Second Company :
Levi Totten, Captain,
Silas Clarke, Lieutenant,
Robert Brown, Ensign.

Third Company :
Clarke Hopkins, Captain,
Enoch Steadman, Lieutenant.

Fourth Company :
John Watson, jun. Captain,
Richard Gardner, jun. Lieut.
Silas Gardner, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in Richmond :
Benjamin Hoxsie, Captain,
James Potter, Lieutenant,
Gardner Phillips, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in Gloucester :
Rufus Steere, Captain,
Nathan Cooper, Lieutenant,
Ezek Brown, jun. Ensign.

Fourth Company :
Ezekiel Emerson, Captain,
Caleb Logee, Lieutenant,
Christopher Sayles, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in Foster :
Isaac Blanchard, Captain,

Joseph Davis, Lieutenant,
Daniel Howard, Ensign.

First Company :
George Baker, jun. Captain,
Southworth Griffith, Lieut.
Josiah Herendeen, jun. Ensign.

Second Company :
Simeon Seamans, Captain,
Stephen Davis, Lieutenant,
William Davis, Ensign.

Third Company :
Abraham Phillips, Captain,
Asher Bennett, Lieutenant,
Nathaniel Stone, Ensign.

Fourth Company :
Levi Rounds, Captain,
Nicholas Potter, Lieutenant,
John Eddy, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in Cranston :
John Randall, jun. Captain,
Eliza Williams, Lieutenant,
Edward Stafford, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in Johnston :
Jonathan Patt, Captain,
Daniel Wilbur, Lieutenant,
Albro Cleveland, Ensign.

First Company :
Joseph Alverson, Captain,
Laban Latham, Lieutenant,
Harris Kelton, Ensign.

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ficates.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same Committee appointed at the present Session to ascertain what Notes issued by the late General-Treasurer, in Payment of the Wages, and the Depreciation of the Wages of the Soldiers of the late Army, have been obtained bona Fide, be also authorized to examine such Certificates as have been issued by the Secretary, on Account of the said Wages, and Depreciation of Wages, on which the General Treasurer hath issued no Notes, and to certify such as have been regularly obtained: And that such Certificates so certified may be subscribed to the said Loan.

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*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-one Pounds be allowed T. Tilling-
and paid to Thomas Tillinghast, Esq. out of the General-Treasury ^{half allowed} £.21
in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the es-
tablished Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account,
for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Ju-
dicature, &c. in attending the Terms of the laid Court during
the last Circuit.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty Pounds, Eight Shillings be ^{allowed} J. Bicknall
allowed and paid to Joshua Bicknall, Esq. out of the General-Tre- ^{allowed} £.20 8s.
sury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at
the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Ac-
count, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court
of Judicature, &c. during the last Circuit.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nineteen Pounds, Sixteen Shillings ^{W. Cooke al-}
be allowed and paid to Walter Cooke, Esq. out of the General- ^{lowed} £. 19 16s.
Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at
the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his
Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior
Court of Judicature, &c. during the last Circuit.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds, Ten Shillings and ^{N. Phillips al-}
Six Pence be allowed and paid to Mr. Nathaniel Phillips, out of the ^{lowed} £. 5 10s.
General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by ^{allowed} £. 5 10s.
this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the A-
mount of his Account, for Printing done for the State to the pre-
sent Time.*

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-six Pounds be allowed and ^{J. Stanton al-}
paid to Mr. Joseph Stanton, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, ^{allowed} £.36
or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate
of Exchange ; and that the same be in full Satisfaction of all De-
mands he hath against the Estate of George Rome and Edward Cole,
Absentees.*

WHEREAS Jonathan Niles, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Kent, ^{J. Niles al-}
exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against ^{lowed} £. 5/ the State, for the Maintenance of Cary Parker, a poor Prisoner
committed at the Suit of the State, and for the Expences of guard-
ing cropping and branding him, of erecting a Pillory, and remov-
ing him to the Gaol in Newport ; which was by the Lower House
of Assembly referred to a Committee who presented the following
Report thereon, *to wit* :

We the Subscribers, agreeably to our Appointment, have exam-
ined the Account of Jonathan Niles, Esq. and compared it with the
Vouchers, and report that the same, amounting to Six Pounds, Five
Shillings and a Penny, is justly charged, and rightly cast.

DANIEL UPDIKE, } Committee.
GEORGE TILLINGHAST, }
On

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On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted, and that the said Sum of Six Pounds, Five Shillings and a Penny be paid to the said Jonathan Niles, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

N. Gardner, jun. Esq. allowed £.56 17. WHEREAS Nicholas Gardner, jun. Esq. Sheriff of the County of Washington, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State, for the Delivery of the Schedules, divers Acts of the Assembly, Commissions and Proclamations, for Attendance upon the General Assembly and the Courts, and for other services, as Sheriff of the said County; from the Time of his Appointment to that Office until the present Time; which Account was by the Lower House of Assembly referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers, a Committee on the Account of Nicholas Gardner, jun. Esq. do report that we have carefully examined the aforesaid Account, and compared it with the Vouchers, and find that the same, amounting to Fifty-six Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, is properly vouched, and rightly cast.

DANIEL UPDIKE,
GEORGE TILLINGHAST, } Committee.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of Fifty-six Pounds, Seventeen Shillings be paid to the said Nicholas Gardner, jun. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

S. Littlefield allowed £. 9/- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Nine Shillings be allowed to Mr. Solomon Littlefield, a Deputy Sheriff for the County of Newport, for apprehending, and attending at the Trial of John Mitchell, a poor Criminal convicted at the Suit of the State, and for whipping and selling him, it being the Amount of his Account; and that the same be paid him out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

J. Sayles allowed £. 1 7/- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound, Seven Shillings be allowed and paid to John Sayles, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as one of the Committee for reviewing Part of the Road leading from Providence to Norwich, by Caleb Vaughan's in Coventry.

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THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit* : *R. Lawton*
allowed
£. 259 4 3*½*
To the Honourable the General Assembly.

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, at the Session held in February, A. D. 1794, to examine into the Accounts subsisting between Mr. *Robert Lawton*, and *Joseph and William Wanton*, Absentees, beg Leave to report that we have with great care done the same; that, from all the Accounts and Vouchers we have been able to procure, it appears there is a Balance of Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Four Skillings and Three Pence Three Farthings, due from the Estate of the said *Joseph and William Wanton* to the said *Robert Lawton*. Which is submitted by

CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.
DANIEL MASON, }

Newport, June 10th, 1795.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the General-Treasurer issue a Note to the said *Robert Lawton*, for the said Sum of Two hundred Fifty-nine Pounds, Four Skillings and Three Pence Three Farthings, agreeably to the Act of this Assembly passed at the Session held in February, A. D. 1783, respecting the Estates of the Absentees.

WHEREAS this Assembly, at the Session held in February, A. D. 1786, allowed a Claim of Mr. *Andrew Christy*, against the Estate of *Joseph and William Wanton*, Absentees, for the Balance of his Note and Account, being One Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds, Eight Skillings and Ten Pence One Farthing; and it appears by a Certificate from the Secretary, that the original Note and Account were sent to *Newport*, to enable the said *Andrew Christy* to receive a General-Treasurer's Note therefor; and that the same by Accident have been lost, whereby the said *Andrew Christy*, is deprived of the Benefit of the said Act in his Favour :

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to issue his Note to the said *Andrew Christy*, for the said Sum of One Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds, Eight Skillings and Ten Pence One Farthing, agreeably to the Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session held in February, A. D. 1783, respecting the Estates of the Absentees.

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Vaughan* exhibited unto this Assembly an *S. Vaughan* Account by him charged against the State, for the boarding and lodging *James Hunt Prior*, a poor Prisoner, committed upon Suspicion of having committed a criminal Offence, and removed to his House by Order of One of the Justices of the Superior Court; which was by the Lower House of Assembly referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report, *to wit* :

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In Consequence of our Appointment, we have examined the Account of Mr. *Samuel Vaughan*, and find the Sum of *Nine Shillings* due thereon ; which is submitted by

JOHN HANDY,
NICHOLAS TAYLOR, } Committee.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Nine Shillings* be paid to the said *Samuel Vaughan*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; which shall be in full Discharge of the said Account.

A. Huling
allowed
£. 4 7 10.

WHEREAS *Andrew Huling*, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented that in *December, A. D. 1791*, he was committed to Gaol in the County of *Newport*, upon a Suspicion of having been concerned in the Murther of *Thomas Mowry*, who left his Place of Abode privately, but hath since returned ; that he remained confined in close Gaol until the beginning of *April, A. D. 1792*, when, nothing appearing against him, he was dismissed ; and that besides the Hardship of having been unjustly confined to a close Gaol during a cold Winter, he was obliged to pay the Keeper of the Gaol *Seven Shillings and Six Pence* per Week for his Maintenance, which, in his poor Circumstances, hath reduced him to great Necessity : And thereupon the said *Andrew Huling* prayed this Assembly to order the Money by him so expended, to be repaid him out of the General-Treasury : Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted ; and that the Sum of *Four Pounds, Seven Shillings and Ten Pence* be allowed and paid to the said *Andrew Huling*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange, in full Compensation for his said Expences.

T. Tew
allowed
£. 2 3 4½

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Pounds, Three Shillings and Four Pence Half-penny*, be allowed and paid to Mr. *Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; which shall be in full Discharge of his Account, for Repairs on the said Gaol, for the Maintenance and Prison-Fees of *Cary Parker*, a poor Prisoner committed at the Suit of the State, to the 13th Instant, and for providing Sand for the State-House in *Newport*.

S. Pierce
allowed
£. 27 18 4

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence*, be allowed and paid to Mr. *Stephen Pierce*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for supplying the Artillery Company in *Newport*, by Order of this Assembly, at *May Session, A. D. 1794*, with Powder and Balls.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eleven Shillings and a Penny, be allowed and paid to Mr. Edward Thurston, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for repairing the Fence of the State-House in Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound, Seven Shillings be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Tew, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Four Shillings be allowed and paid to Henry Ward, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Secretary.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence be allowed and paid to Mr. Stephen Pierce, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for supplying the Company in Newport, called *The Newport Guards*, by Order of this Assembly, at May Session, A. D. 1794, with Powder and Balls.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound, Ten Skillings and Nine Pence be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Melvill, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds, Four Shillings and Six Pence be allowed and paid to Asher Robbins, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower House, and for providing Paper and Quills.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Seven Shillings be allowed and paid to Mr. James Tew, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon the General Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

THE following Report was presented to this Assembly, to wit : Gen. Treas.

We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Memorial of the General-Treasurer, do report, that for the extraordinary Business of the Office, the General-Treasurer

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surer be allowed *Ninety Pounds*; and that his Clerk be allowed at the Rate of *Eight Shillings* per Day, while necessarily employed in the Office. Which is submitted by

SAMUEL WARDWELL,
THOMAS NOYES,
NOAH MATHEWSON, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the aforesaid Sum of *Ninety Pounds* be allowed and paid to *Henry Sherburne, Esq.* General-Treasurer, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

His Clerk al- *AND it is further Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Joseph Thur-
lowed 8/- per ton*, Clerk to the General-Treasurer, be allowed at the Rate of *Eight
Days.* *Shillings* per Day, for the Time he hath been, and may be employed in that Office, upon the Business of abstracting the State Debt; and that the same be paid him out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange.

An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act for preventing excessive Usury in this Colony, and also for shortening the Time for Redemption of Mortgages."

*Amendment
of the Act a-
gainst exces-
sive Usury.* BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That such Parts of the Act entitled, "An Act for preventing excessive Usury in this Colony, and also for shortening the Time for the Redemption of Mortgages" as Enacts a Forfeiture of the principal Sum in any Mortgage, Bond, Bill, or Contract, or any Instrument whatever, for the Payment of Money, or any thing whatever, whereby a higher or greater Interest is taken than Six per Centum per Annum, when proved only by the Oath of the Party interested therein, be and the same are hereby repealed.

*Lottery
granted to
mend a
Highway in
Tiverton.*

WHEREAS *Thomas Durfee, Christopher Manchester, and Abraham Barker, Esq.* a Committee from the Town of Tiverton, preferred a Petition, and represented to this Assembly, that the Highway, known by the Name of the Country Road, running from Westport in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Town of Tiverton aforesaid to Howland's Ferry, is very much travelled by Persons from the Towns of Westport, Bedford, and other Places, who have Business in any of the trading Towns in this State: That very considerable Repairs and Amendments are necessary to be made on the said

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said Road, to render it convenient and passable for Carriages : And that, by Reason of the small Number of Inhabitants who live thereon, there is no Probability of its being repaired in any convenient Time, in the common Mode of mending Highways in this State : And thereupon the said Committee prayed this Assembly to authorize them, and such others as may be joined with them, to set forth a Lottery, on such Scheme as they shall think proper, to raise the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, to be expended in mending and repairing the said Highway :

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby granted ; provided that the Managers of the said Lottery give Bond, with sufficient Surety, to the Satisfaction of the General-Treasurer, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them.

An ACT for introducing the Dollar and its Parts,
as the Money of Account within this State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof *Act for*
it is Enacted, That from and after the First Day of September keeping Ac-
counts in
next, the Money of Account of this State shall be the Dollar, Cent *Dollars and*
and Mille ; and all Accounts in the public Offices, and other pub- *its Parts.*
lic Accounts, and all Proceedings in the Courts of Justice, and in
the Town-Councils, shall be kept and had in conformity to this
Regulation.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Forms of Writs, or ProcesSES, or Instruments, used in the Courts of Justice, or Town-Councils, or in any public Office in this State, in which any Sum or Sums are now required to be expressed in *Pounds Shillings or Pence*, shall and may be altered to an equivalent Sum in Dollars and Parts of a Dollar, expressed as above mentioned : *Provided*, That this Act shall not be understood to Vitiate or Nullify any Account, Charge or Entry, originally made, or to be made, or any Note, Bond or other Instrument, expressed, or which shall be expressed, in any Money of Account existing at the Time of passing this Act ; but the same shall be reduced to Dollars and Parts of a Dollar, as herein before directed, in any Suit, or Declaration thereupon.

AND it is further Enacted, That until the Laws for establishing Fees shall be Revised, and rendered conformable to the Money of Account intended by this Act to be introduced, it shall be lawful in taxing any Bill of Cost, or giving any Account or Bill of Fees in any Case, by any public Officer, to set down the Particulars of such Bill or Account in the present Money of Account, the Foot of said Bill or Account being reduced to the Money of Account by this Act established.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Copy of this Act be Inserted in all the Newspapers in this State.

An ACT for the Limitation of certain personal Actions.

A & limiting certain personal Actions. **B** E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That all Actions of Trespass for breaking Inclosures or Closes;—all Actions of Trespass, Detinue, upon Trover and Replevin;—all Actions of Account, and upon the Case (except such Accounts as concern the Trade or Merchandise between Merchant and Merchant, their Factors or Servants);—all Actions of Debt founded upon any Contract without Speciality;—all Actions of Debt for the Arrearages of Rent;—and all Actions of Assault, Menace, Battery, Wounding and Imprisonment, or any of them, which shall be sued or brought at any Time after the Rising of this Assembly, at the present Session, shall be commenced and sued within the Time hereinafter directed, and not after, that is to say: The said Actions upon the Case, excepting Actions for Slander;—the said Actions for Account;—and the said Actions for Debt, Detinue, Replevin and Trover, shall be commenced and brought within Six Years next after the Cause of the said Actions or Suits hereafter to be commenced, and not after: And where the Cause of such Suit hath already happened, and now exists, then and in that Case such Suit shall be commenced within Six Years from the Rising of this Assembly, and not after:—The said Actions of Trespass for breaking Inclosures or Closes, and all other Actions of Trespass, of Assault, Battery, Wounding and Imprisonment, or any of them, shall be brought within Four Years next after the Cause of such Action or Suits, and not after.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, now, or who hereafter shall be entitled to any such Action, shall be at the Time any such Causes of Action accrued, within the Age of Twenty-one Years, Feme-covert, Non-compos mentis, Imprisoned, or beyond Sea, then, and in such Case, such Person or Persons shall be at Liberty to bring the same within such Times as are herein before limited after their coming to full Age, discovered, of sane Memory, at large, or return from beyond Sea.

An ACT repealing Part of the Act against Bribery and Corruption.

Part of the Act against Bribery repealed. **B** E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That so much of the Act against Bribery and Corruption as requires a Freeman, or Person to be made free, to

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to take the Oath prescribed in the said Act in order to qualify himself to elect, or be elected, to any Office, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

THE General-Treasurer respectfully offers to the Legislature the following Report, *to wit*:

THERE are due from the undernamed Towns, of the State-Tax Report of ordered at the Session held in October, A. D. 1794, the following the Towns Sums, exclusive of Interest, *to wit*: delinquent in the Tax last ordered.

County of Newport:

Portsmouth,	£. 28	5	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Tiverton,	84	3	1
Little-Compton,	12	11	0
New-Shoreham,	14	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	—————	£. 139	8 3 $\frac{1}{4}$

County of Providence:

Providence,	£. 215	4	7
Smithfield,	11	13	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Glocester,	73	13	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cranston,	102	5	3
	—————	402	16 7

County of Washington:

Westerly,	£. 44	0	1
South Kingstown,	364	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Charlestown,	75	18	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hopkinton,	27	14	7
Exeter,	14	0	11
	—————	525	19 2
	—————	£. 1068	4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

HENRY SHERBURNE, General-Treasurer.

Newport, June 13th, 1795.

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be accepted; and that the General-Treasurer, be, and he is hereby, directed, at the Expiration of Thirty days after the Rising of this Assembly, to issue Executions for the Sums that shall be then due from each of the said Towns for the said Tax.

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Liberties of *Newport* THE following Report was presented to this Assembly, *to wit* :

Gaol exten- WE the Subscribers, a Committee appointed, by the Honorable ded. the General Assembly, to enlarge the Bounds of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, beg leave to report, that in our Opinion, the Bounds of the said Gaol ought to be enlarged and extended to the Corner of *James Taylor's House*, and to the Corner of the House belonging to the Heirs of *Benjamin Thurston*, deceased, to the Eastward, and the Width of *Marlborough-Street*, to the Head of the Wharf of *Oliver R. Warner*, Esq. to the Westward; they getting Liberty of him to make Use of his Wharf. Which is submitted by

SAMUEL WARDWELL,
NICHOLAS TAYLOR,
SIMEON MARTIN, } Committee.

Newport, June 13th, 1795.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be accepted; and that the Bounds of the said Gaol be extended and fixed agreeably thereto.

Justice for Providence. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Wheeler Martin*, Esq. be, and he is hereby, appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Providence*, in the Place of *Samuel Thurber*, jun. Esq. who hath resigned.

Resolve re- IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Proceedings, for the staying

pealing Pe- of which Petitions are now pending on the Docket, or are present-
titions.

ed on the Table of the Lower House of Assembly for Reception, be and they are hereby, stayed until the rising of this Assembly at the next Session: That such Petitions as are now offered for Reception, as aforesaid, may be lodged in the Secretary's Office any Time within Forty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and that Bonds be given thereon, and Citations issued according to Law.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Petitioners for the Benefit of the insolvent Act, whose Petitions are now lodged for Reception, as aforesaid, and who are now confined in Gaol, be liberated, upon their giving Bonds, to the Satisfaction of the Sheriffs of the several Counties in which they are respectively committed, to return to Prison again if their Petitions shall not be granted; and that such Petitioners may lodge their Petitions, in the Secretary's Office, and cite their Creditors in the usual Manner.

Report of WHEREAS Noab Mathewson, Esq. *Mr. Joseph Brown*, *Elisha R. Potter*, Esq. *Ichabod Cole*, Esq. *Loring Peck*, Esq. *Thomas Durfee*, *George Tillinghast*, and *Thomas Noyes*, Esq. who were ap-
the Commit- pointed a Committee, by the Lower House of Assembly, to con-
tee respect- sider of and report the Principles upon which a general Estimate of
ing a gene- the rateable Property within the State, and of that belonging to the
ral Estimate. Inhabitants being without the State, ought to be taken, presented
unto this Assembly their Report, and a Bill for that Purpose:
Which being duly considered,

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

An ACT for taking a general Estimate of the rateable Property within the State, and of that belonging to the Inhabitants being without the State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That each Town in this State be, and
is hereby directed, at the Town-Meeting to be holden on the last
Tuesday in August next, to appoint a Committee, consisting of not
less than Three, nor more than Five Persons; which Committee is
hereby required and empowered to call upon the Individuals of the
Town they shall be appointed for, to render an exact Account to
them of all their rateable Property, whether real or personal, under
Oath or Affirmation: That the said Committee shall, from such
Lists, so made and sworn to, with the Valuation Bills in such Town,
together with any other Information they can obtain, make a just
and true Estimate of all the rateable Property in such Town, accord-
ing to the Value of the same, under Oath: *Provided nevertheless,*
That Household Furniture (excepting Plate, which is hereby de-
clared to be rateable) Farming-Utensils, the Tools of Mechanicks,
and One-quarter Part of Property at Sea, shall not be deemed rate-
able Property: That the said Committee proceed upon and com-
plete the Business for which they are appointed by the Tenth Day
of October next: And that they be paid for their Services by the
Town appointing them.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Mr. *Joseph L. Bois, John Davis, Esq. Mr. Moses Brown, Noah Mathewson, Esq. Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq. Elisha R. Potter, Esq. Ichabod Cole, Esq. Thomas Allin, Esq. Mr. William Greene, and Isaac Johnson, Esq.* be, and they hereby are, appointed a State's Committee, and empow-
ered and directed to go into all the Towns in the State, and call
upon the Committees of the several Towns to appear before them,
with the Estimates by them taken, together with the Accounts giv-
en in to them by the Individuals, under Oath, or Affirmation, of
their rateable Property, and also a List of those Persons who shall
not deliver to them a List of their Estates agreeably to this Act, and
to inform them, the said State's Committee, of the Principles upon
which they, the Town's Committee, have proceeded: And that the
said State's Committee, from the Estimates so made, together with
any other Information they can obtain, either from the Town's
Committee, or by comparing the Estates in the different Towns,
form a general Estimate of all the rateable Property in the State.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Per-
son in any Town in the State shall refuse or neglect to deliver an Ac-
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count of his or her rateable Property, of any Kind, Name, or Nature, excepting as aforesaid, to the said Town's Committee, on or before the Time which shall be by them appointed for that Purpose, in such Case, the said State's Committee shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to put such Valuation upon the Property of the Person so refusing or neglecting as they shall think proper, which shall be taxed Two-fold by the Town, in Proportion to the Property of the other Citizens as determined by the said Valuation, until he or she shall give an Estimate of his or her Property agreeably to the Directions of this Act; unless he or she shall be beyond Sea, or absent from the State: *Provided however*, That no Person living in one Town and holding an Estate in another Town shall be Two-folded, unless he or she, or his or her Tenant or Agent, shall neglect, upon Notice given, to attend in such other Town, and give an Account of his or her rateable Property therein.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Town shall neglect to appoint a Committee to take an Estimate, or if all the Inhabitants of any Town shall neglect giving in an Account of their rateable Property agreeably to this Act, in such Case the said State's Committee shall put such Valuation upon such Town, as they shall think proper; and that such Town shall be assessed Two-fold, in the same Proportion as Individuals who shall neglect to give an Account of their rateable Property are to be assessed by this Act.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the State's Committee shall immediately after the said Tenth Day of October, proceed to, and complete as soon as may be, the Duty by this Act assigned them: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next following Session after they shall have executed the Business of their Appointment.

J. Richards *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Seven Shillings be allowed and paid to Mr. John Richards out of the General-Treasury, L. 17. in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

Grant for the new Gaol in Newell, and John Smith, the Committee for building a new Gaol Providence, *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. Charles Lippitt, Jason L. 200 in the County of Providence, be and they are hereby empowered, for that Purpose, to draw the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

Cloaths &c. for Cary Parker. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of New-
loured port be empowered and directed to purchase Two Shirts, and Two Pair of Trowsers, at the Expence of the State, for the Use of Cary Parker, a poor Criminal, confined in the Gaol in the said County at the Suit of the State.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Act, passed at the present ^{Resolve ref-} Session, for staying Proceedings upon Petitions now pending on ^{pending Pe-} the Docket, do not extend, in any Instance, to Petitions lodged in the ^{titions.} Secretary's Office where no Citation hath issued agreeable to Law.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Session of the General-Assembly to ^{meet on the} next, be holden on the last *Wednesday* in *October* ^{last Monday} in that Month, in the State-^{in October.} House, at *South-Kingstown*: Any Law, or Custom, to the contra-
ry notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly adjourned ^{next meet.} unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next ^{meet.} Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, and transmit them to the several Towns, in the usual Manner: And that this Assembly stand adjourned to the Saturday next preceding the last *Monday* in *October* next, if then called; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA:

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND):
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OCTOBER, 1795.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Twentieth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Efq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Efq.*
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Efq.*
CALEB GARDNER, *Efq.*
JOHN COOKE, *Efq.*
JAMES CONGDON, *Efq.*
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Efq.*
GEORGE BROWN, *Efq.*
JOB WATSON, *Efq.*

} ASSISTANTS.

SAMUEL E. GARDNER, *Efq.* Secretary pro Tempore.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Champlin, *Esq.*
John Handy, *Esq.*
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
Mr. John L. Bots,
Mr. Christopher Fowler,
Simeon Martin, *Esq.*

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
Charles Lippitt, *Esq.*
John Smith, *Esq.*
Mr. Richard Jackson, *jun.*

PORTSMOUTH :

Abraham Anthony, *jun.* *Esq.*
Tillinghast Almy, *Esq.*
Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter.

WARWICK :

Moses Arnold, *Esq.*
Anthony Holden, *Esq.*
Henry Remington, *Esq.*
Thomas Holden, *Esq.*

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, *Esq.*
Rowse Babcock, *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Daniel Updike, *Esq.*
George Thomas, *Esq.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Elisha R. Potter, *Esq.*
Rowland Brown, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. William Greene (*Son of Benj.*)
Mr. George Tillinghast.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Daniel Weeden, *jun.*
Mr. John Remington.

SMITHFIELD :

Job Aldrich, *Esq.*
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, *Esq.*
Job Randall, *Esq.*

GLOCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, *Esq.*
Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq.*

Mr. Edward Wilcox.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Amos Jaqways, *Esq.*

Mr. Daniel Hopkins.

COVENTRY :

Joseph Rice, *Esq.*

Mr. Benjamin Arnold.

EXETER :

Mr. James Clarke,

Mr. Abraham Wilcox, *jun.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Joshua Peckham,

Mr. Isaac Barker.

BRISTOL :

Samuel Wardwell, *Esq.*

Loring Peck, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

Thomas Durfee, *Esq.*

Christopher Manchester, *Esq.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Nathaniel Searle, *Esq.*

John Davis, *Esq.*

WARREN :

Ichabod Cole, *Esq.*

Level Maxwell, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Jotham Carpenter, *Esq.*

Mr. David Sayles.

RICHMOND :

Jonathan Maxson, *Esq.*

Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Caleb Williams, *Esq.*

John R. Arnold, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, *Esq.*

Moses Barber, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON :

Noah Matthewson, *Esq.*

Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, *Esq.*

Stephen Jenckes, *jun.* *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, *Esq.*

James Martin, *Esq.*

FOSTER :

William Tyler, *Esq.*

Daniel Howard, *Esq.*

The Honorable ELISHA R. POTTER, *Esq.* was chosen Speaker, and
ASHER ROBBINS, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House.

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W^HEREAS Thomas Rumreill, Esq. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the
Keeper of the
Grand Com.
Office.

Grand-Committee's Office.

Newport, October 26th, 1795.

I HEREBY certify that I have received into the Grand-Committee's Office, since January 23d, 1795 (the Day I last delivered the Committee Paper Money to burn) Five Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds Ten Shillings and Three Pence, in Discharge of the Principal of Mortgage-Deeds.

THOMAS RUMREILL, Keeper of said Office.

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Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs George Champlin, and John L. Boss be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to burn the Paper Money in the Grand-Committee's Office; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

An ACT to incorporate certain Persons by the Name of *The Proprietors of the Cumberland School-House.*

W^HEREAS Schools and public Institutions for the Promotion of Literature are of the highest Importance in Society, by training up the rising Generation in the Paths of Virtue and Knowledge, and have justly received the Approbation of the wise and virtuous in every Age: And, whereas the erecting a School-House for that Purpose, at *Cumberland*, within this State, was highly advantageous to that Place and honorable to the Government; and a Number of Persons hereinafternamed appear as Undertakers in this laudable Design, and thereupon a Petition hath been preferred to this Assembly, praying that full Liberty and Power may be granted unto them who have erected a Building at *Cumberland* aforesaid, for the Education of Youth; and that, for the more effectual Execution of their Design, they may be incorporated into a Body politic, to be known in Law, with the Power and Privileges necessary for the Purpose aforesaid: And this Assembly being desirous to promote useful Knowledge among all Ranks and Degrees of Citizens,

Do Enact, Grant, Constitute, Ordain and Declare, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, Granted, Constituted, Ordained and Declared, That *Absalom Ballou, David Sayles, Amaziab Weatherhead,*

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Weatherhead, Daniel Jenckes, William Whipple, Joseph Whipple, Jedediah Jenckes, John Bly, Amos Follett; John Jenckes, William Jenckes, Gideon Brown, Benjamin S. Walcott, Jeremiah Scott, Nathaniel Scott, David Jenckes, Peter Jenckes, Timothy Mason, Joseph Mowry, Benjamin Dexter, Jonathan Ray, David Ray, and Oliver Bly, together with such others as shall hereafter become Proprietors, and their Successors and Assigns, shall be forever hereafter One Body corporate and politic in Fact and Name, to be known and distinguished in Law by the Name of The Proprietors of the Cumberland School-House: That by the same Name their Successors and Assigns, shall and may have perpetual Succession; and shall and may be Persons able and capable in Law, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against in all and singular Causes, Suits, Matters, Actions and Things of what Kind soever; and also to have, take, possess, purchase, acquire, or otherwise receive and hold, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, or other Estate; of which they may and shall stand seized, notwithstanding any Misnomer of the Corporation, or by whatever Name, or however imperfectly the same may be described in any Gift, Devise, Bequest, or Assignment, provided the true Intent of the Benefactor, or Assignee be evident; and also the same to grant, demise, alien, lease, use, occupy, manage and improve, according to the Tenor of the Donations, and to the Purposes, Trusts and Uses, to which they shall be seized thereof: Provided that the Value of the Property belonging to the said Corporation shall not at any one Time exceed the Value of Ten Thousand Dollars: And that full Liberty, Power and Authority be, and is hereby, granted unto the said Proprietors of Cumberland School-House, who have erected a Building, to be occupied as a School-House, for instructing Youth in Reading, Writing and Arithmetick, and such other useful and ornamental Learning as a Committee of the Corporation may permit, without incommoding the aforesaid Branches of Learning.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Building shall be held by the Proprietors in Shares, that every Proprietor holding One Share shall have One Vote, and so in Proportion to the Number of Shares each Proprietor may hold; and that a Majority of the Voters present at any legal Meeting, not being less than Seven, shall determine all Questions.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Corporation shall have a common Seal, which it shall be lawful for them to alter, change, or make anew at Pleasure.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Corporation may receive into their Body such Persons as they shall judge proper, being Proprietors of One Share; and that the said Corporation shall have, and there is hereby granted unto them, full Power, at any of their stated Meetings, to make such Rules, Orders and By-Laws as they shall judge needful for the better Government

Government of the Corporation, and to alter the same: Provided that such Rules Orders and By-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of this State, or the Design of their Institution.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Meeting of the Corporation at Cumberland, on the First Monday in October, annually forever; at which Time, for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the Corporation, they shall out of their Body politic, by a Majority of the Proprietors present, elect a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, for the said Corporation; who shall before they are qualified to act be sworn to the faithful Performance of their respective Trusts.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Proprietors Committee, consisting of Three of the Proprietors, chosen at every annual Meeting by a Majority of the Voters present, to conduct the Business of the Corporation, and for executing their Votes and Resolves: And that the said Committee shall have Authority to let the School-House for the Use of the Corporation, in Proportion to the Subscription of each of the Proprietors, or to contract with School-Masters as the Proprietors shall direct.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Captain David Sayles be the First President, Mr. Absolom Ballou the First Treasurer, and Col. Amaziah Weatherhead the First Secretary, of the said Corporation, and Benjamin S. Walcot, Jonathan Ray and Col. Amaziah Weatherhead, be the First Proprietors Committee; to continue in their several Places until the First Monday in October next.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Meeting of the Corporation, at Cumberland, aforesaid, may be called at Three Days Notice by the President, on Application to him made in Writing by Four Members.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to sign a fair Copy of this Act, and cause the Seal of the State to be thereto affixed: Which shall grant and convey to the said Proprietors of the Cumberland School-House all and every the Powers, Rights and Privileges in this Act contained and mentioned, and intended to be granted and conveyed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. George Champlin, Christopher Fowler, and John L. Boys be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of Providence preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that in June Town-Meeting, A. D. 1795, a Committee was raised for the Purpose of

B enquiring respecting the public Burying-Ground in Providence.

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enquiring into and reporting the Terms on which a Strip of Land, One Hundred Feet in Width, being Part of the North Burying-Ground, could be exchanged for other Land lying on the West Side of the said Burying-Ground: And in pursuance of their Appointment the said Committee made Report at *August* Town-Meeting as follows:

“We the Subscribers, being appointed by the Freemen of the Town of *Providence*, in Town Meeting assembled, a Committee to enquire into and report the Terms on which a Strip of Land, One Hundred Feet wide, being Part of the North Burying-Ground adjoining the new Road leading from the North End of this Town, and on the West Side of the said Burying-Ground, may be exchanged for, do report,

“THAT it is our opinion an Exchange somewhat similar to that mentioned will be of great Utility to the Town; that to lay out a Street Fifty Feet wide from the North End of said Burying-Ground to the South End of the same, on a straight Line, and nearly parallel with the said new Road, so as to leave a Strip of Land between the Two Streets One Hundred and Forty Feet wide, the whole Length of the same, for the Purpose of House Lots, &c. will be extremely convenient, and greatly accommodate that Part of the Town; that the said Strip of Land is not commodious for a Burying-Ground, the same being mostly uneven; that the Land adjoining the Burying-Ground on the West is much more suitable for the Purpose of a Burying-Place, and, as we are informed, may be purchased to good Advantage; but have not conversed with the Owner for the Purpose. Within the said Strip is a Piece of Land adjoining to Mr. *Aaron Mason*’s Land, about Two Hundred and Fifty-two Feet long, and about Seventy-five Feet wide at the South End, and at the North End extends from one Street to the other, which we recommend may be sold to the said *Mason* for Twenty-five Pounds, as the same can be of little Use to any other Person.

“We also recommend, that this Town petition to the Honorable General Assembly for a Grant, or Act of the same, for the Purpose of selling and purchasing the Lands as aforesaid.

“ALL which we humbly submit, &c.

AMOS ATWELL,
JOHN SMITH,
JOHN BROWN.”

AND whereas the aforesaid Petitioners further represented, that at the same *August* Meeting the said Report was received, and the following Vote passed thereon, *to wit*:

“AND the said Report being duly considered, It is thereupon Resolved, that the same be received; and that the aforesigned Committee, with *Moses Brown*, be authorized and requested to lay out the Street as the same is therein delineated, to cause a Plat there-
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of to be taken, and to furnish the Deputies from this Town therewith, for the Purpose of assisting them in an Application to the Honorable General Assembly, as recommended in said Report."

AND whereas the said Petitioners did thereupon pray this Assembly that they may be empowered to lay out the said Street agreeably to the Plat with the said Petition presented, and also to make Sale of that Part of the said Burying Ground, or to exchange the same, in Conformity to the aforesaid Report: And that they may also be empowered to erect a suitable Fence around the whole of the Land now appropriated, or that may hereafter be appropriated, to the purposes of a Burying-Ground.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners in the aforescribed Petition contained be, and the same is hereby, granted.

UPON due Consideration of the Petition of *Thomas Pearse*, of ~~Grant of for-
feited Mo-~~
~~late of Bristol~~, Esq. deceased, representing that his said Father, in ~~ne~~ to ~~T.~~
~~Pearse~~. the Year 1786, lodged with *Elkanah Humphry*, Esq. then one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Bris-
tol*, a Sum of Money in the Bills of Credit of this State, emitted in *May*, A. D. 1786, to discharge a Judgment of Court, obtained against him by *Leonard Vassal Borland*, of *Boston*, at the Court of Common Pleas held in *Newport*, in *November*, A. D. 1785; which being refused was lodged by the said *Elkanah Humphry* in the General-Treasury: And that he, the Petitioner, hath since satisfied the said Judgment in another Way; and praying that he may receive the same Money out of the General-Treasury:

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Thomas Pearse* be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Money actually lodged therein, on the abovementioned Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Three Dollars D. Owen and Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Daniel Owen*, Esq. out of ~~allowed~~ ^{103 dol. 50.} the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. during the last Spring Circuit.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-three Dollars and Sixty T. Tew al-
seven Cents* be allowed and paid to *Mr. Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the ~~lowed~~ ^{23 dol. 67.} Goal in the County of *Newport*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for the Prison Fees and Support of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

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J. Almy al. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Dollars be allowed and paid to Jonathan Almy, Esq; out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for the Rent for Six Months (to the 30th of this instant October) of One Third of a Lot of Land and House thereon, in Newport, being the Dower of Mrs. Freelove Eldred.*

G. Thomas *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to George Thomas, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for taking a Number of Depositions, by Order of his Excellency the Governor, respecting the hostile Conduct of Capt. Home, Commander of the Africa, a British Ship of War.*

Additional WHEREAS an Act was passed by this General Assembly, at the Charter to Session in October, A. D. 1794, for the Purpose of incorporating the Light Company in a Light Company in the Town of Providence, by the Name of The Providence. *Light Company of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence*, which hath been found insufficient for the Purposes for which it was designed :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is hereby Enacted,

IN THE FIRST PLACE. THAT the said Company may at any Time hereafter consist of Eighty Men, Rank and File, to be inlisted in the Town of Providence.

SECONDLY. THAT the Members of said Company for the Time being, or the major Part of them, shall once in every Year, *to wit*, on the last Monday in April, meet together in some convenient Place by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit*, One Captain, One Lieutenant, and One Ensign, and all other Officers necessary for the training disciplining, and well ordering the said Company ; at which Election no Officer shall be chosen, but by the greater Number of Voters then present ; the Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign to be approved of by the Governor and Council for the Time being, and commissioned accordingly.

THIRDLY. THAT the said Company shall meet Three Times in a Year, exclusive of the Regimental Muster, and as much oftener as they shall think necessary, to exercise themselves, upon the Penalty of paying to and for the use of said Company the following Fines for every Day's Neglect, *to wit*, the Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign, Two Dollars, each, the Clerk, Sergeants, Corporals, and Privates, One Dollar and Fifty Cents, each, to be levied by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain, or commanding Officer of the said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

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FOURTHLY. THAT the said Company, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders, amongst themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of their Establishment; and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures, upon any of their own Company, for the Breach of such Rules and Orders as they shall think proper, so that the same do not exceed the Sum of *One Dollar and Fifty Cents* for any one Offence, to be levied by Warrant of Distress from the Captain, or commanding Officer of the said Company for the Time being, directed to the Clerk.

FIFTHLY: THE said Company shall be posted, and act as a Light Company to the First Regiment of Infantry in the County of *Providence*, on all Regimental Parade Days.

SIXTHLY. THAT if any Officer, or Officers, chosen by the said Company shall be disapproved by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Town of *Providence*, or shall be taken away by Death, that then, in any such Case, the Captain of the said Company or the commanding Officer thereof for the Time being, shall call the Company together as soon as conveniently may be, and choose another or others in the Room of such Officer or Officers so disapproved, removed, or taken away by Death, in the same Manner as is herein before directed.

SEVENTHLY. THAT the present Officers of the said Company shall continue to be the Officers thereof, until the last *Monday* in *April* next.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ninety-two Dollars* be allowed *J. Perry* al- and paid to *Mr. Joseph Perry*, out of the General Treasury, in ^{owed 92 dol.} Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the estab- lished Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services as Captain of one of the Guard-Boats, employed on Account of the contagious Distemper prevalent in *New-York*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Sixty-five Dol- E. Knapp al- lars and Sixty-seven Cents* be allowed and paid to *Mr. Elijah Knapp*, ^{owed} _{165 dol. 67.} out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it be- ing the Amount of his Account for the Use of his Boat, which was employed as a Guard-Boat on Account of the contagious Distem- per prevailing in *New-York*, and for his Services on board her.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty-Seven J. Knapp al- Cents* be allowed and paid to *Mr. James Knapp*, out of the General ^{owed} _{66 dol. 67.} Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services on board one of the Guard-Boats, em- ployed on Account of the contagious Distemper prevalent in *New-York*.

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R. Wood. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Twenty-six Dollars and Sixty-
ward allow- seven Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Robert Woodward out of
ed 26 del. 67. the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted
by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the
Amount of his Account for his Services on board one of the Guard
Boats, employed on Account of the contagious Distemper prevail-
ing in New York.

*Superior
Court
Newport re-
vived* WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize,
and General Gaol-Delivery appointed by Law to have been held
at *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, on the last Monday in *August* last, past, did not sit at that Time; and unless the same be re-
vived great Injustice will be done:

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Au-
thority thereof it is Enacted,* That the said Superior Court, which
was by Law to have been held at *Newport*, on the said last Monday
in *August* last, shall be holden at said *Newport* on the last Monday
in *November* next: That all Appeals which were made to, and all
Matters and Things which might have been heard and determin-
ed at, the said Term of the laid Court, on the said last *Tuesday* in
August, shall and may be entered, heard and decided at the said
Term of said Court to be holden by Virtue hereof, in the same
Manner as they might have been entered heard and decided at the
said Term in *August* last: And that all Jurors, who were drawn
to attend at the said Term of the said Court in *August* last, shall at-
tend at the Term of said Court to be holden on the said last Mon-
day, in *November*.

*Lottery
granted for
building a
Bridge over
Martin's
Wading-
Place.* WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of *Smithfield*, and *Cum-
berland*, in this State, and of *Wrentham*, *Attleborough*, &c. in the
Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, preferred a Petition, and repre-
sented unto this Assembly, that the Lime-Kilns in the Town of
Smithfield, on the West Side of *Pawtucket River*, receive the great-
est Part of their Supplies of Wood from the Towns of *Cumberland*
Attleborough, and *Wrentham* aforesaid: That for a great Part of
the Season the said River is impassible, which causes very heavy
Expences, and many Disappointments: And that a Bridge built
over the said River would be of great and manifest advantage to
the Public at large: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant
them a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Four Thousand Dollars*, to be
applied to the building a Bridge over the said River, at or near a
Place called *Martin's Wading-Place*, between the said Towns of
Smithfield and *Cumberland*:

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Peti-
tion be granted: And that Messrs. *Jesse Harris*, and *Adam Jenckes*
of *Smithfield*, *Jotham Carpenter*, and *Abraham Ballou* of *Cumber-
land*, be, and hereby are appointed Managers of the said Lottery,
with

with full Power of setting forth the same upon such Scheme as they shall think best, to answer the Purpose of raising the said Sum of *Four Thousand Dollars* for the Use aforesaid ; they giving Bond to the General Treasurer, with sufficient Sureties, in the whole Amount of the Tickets by them proposed to be sold, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *David Howell*, and *David L. Barnes*, Esq's. be added to the Secretary and Attorney-General, the remaining Members of the Committee for revising the Laws of this State (*Samuel Eddy*, Esq. having resigned) : That in Addition to the Statute Laws of this State already compiled by the said First Committee, the present Committee revise all the Statutes of England and Great-Britain which are consonant to the Constitution and Practice of this State, and form a System of Laws for this State from the whole, with such Amendments and Alterations from the present Laws, as may appear to them useful : And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be, to the End that the Statute Laws, other than the Laws of the Congress of the United States, operative in this State, may be all published and made known to the Citizens at large.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ninety-six Dollars* be allowed *to Carr al. and paid to Mr. John Carr*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Pay-Abstract for his Wages, as Gunner of Fort Washington, from the 4th of May, A. D. 1794, to the 4th of May, A. D. 1795, and for the Wages of an Oarsman for the same Time.

An ACT to incorporate the Stockholders in the
Bank of *Rhode-Island*.

WHEREAS the following Plan of a Constitution of a Bank in *Newport* hath been formed and adopted by the Stockholders thereof, *to wit* :

*Charter to
the Rhode
Island Bank.*

FIRST. That a Subscription be opened at the State-House in *Newport*, on *Monday the 12th Day of October, A. D. 1795*, at *Three o'Clock, P. M.* for *One Hundred Thousand Dollars*, in *Five Hundred Shares of Two Hundred Dollars each*, to be payable in *Gold, or Silver*, in the following Instalments, *to wit* : *On each and every Share, Five Dollars at the Time of Subscribing* ; *Ninety-five Dollars on the last Monday in December next* ; *Twenty-five Dollars on the last Monday in March next* ; *Twenty-five Dollars on the last Monday in June next* ; *Twenty-five Dollars on the last Monday in September next* ; and *Twenty-five Dollars on the last Monday in December, A. D. 1796* : And that the said Subscription be opened under the Direction of *Mr. Moses Seixas*, who is to receive the *Five Dollars* on each Share at the Time of subscribing, to give a Certificate thereof to each Subscriber, and to pay on Demand the Money

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ney so received by him to the President and Directors, to be appointed as hereinafter prescribed.

SECONDLY. THAT the President and Directors be empowered to receive the other Instalments, herein before specified ; but with Authority to suspend the Fifth and Sixth Instalments, or either of them, if they shall consider it for the Interest of the Bank, and to direct the Payment or Payments on any further Period, or Periods, giving therefor at least Ninety Days Notice.

THIRDLY. THAT if any Subscriber, or Subscribers, shall fail to pay any One of his, her, or their Instalments on or before the Day of Payment, he, she, or they shall forfeit the Sum or Sums of Money by him, her or them previously paid, and the Share, or Shares, by him, her, or them subscribed, to and for the Use of the Bank.

FOURTHLY. THE Capital of the said Bank may be increased from Time to Time, or at any Time hereafter, under such Regulations, Restrictions and Conditions as a Majority of the Stockholders, specially convened for that Purpose, shall think proper, to an Amount not exceeding *Five Hundred Thousand Dollars* : Provided that such Regulations, Restrictions and Conditions shall not affect any Rights acquired under previous Subscriptions.

FIFTHLY. AT all general Meetings the Stockholders shall be entitled to as many Votes as they hold Shares respectively ; and to vote by themselves, their Agents or Proxies, duly appointed.

SIXTHLY. The Stockholders shall hold a general Meeting at *Newport*, on the First Monday in *January*, A. D. 1797, for the Election of Directors, and the Transaction of such other Business as they may deem necessary : And, at the same *Newport*, shall hold an annual Meeting thereafter, on the First Monday in *January* in each succeeding Year, for the same Purposes : But general Meetings of the Stockholders may be held at any other Time or Times, whenever the President and Directors shall think it expedient, or whenever a Number of Stockholders holding *One Hundred* Shares, or more, shall require ; the Time and Place of Meeting, in *Newport*, to be fixed and publicly notified by the President and Directors : At which general Meetings all Elections and Questions shall be determined by a Majority of Votes.

SEVENTHLY. THE Stockholders shall choose annually, and at their annual Meeting, Nine Directors ; which Directors, at their First Meeting afterwards, shall elect a President from their Number ; but no Person shall be eligible, or continue as President or Director, except such as are actually Stockholders and Citizens of the *United States*, and Inhabitants of *Newport*. And in Case of Vacancy by Disqualification, Death, Resignation, or otherwise, the said Vacancy may be filled up, by a new Election for the Remainder of the Year, by the Stockholders, in Manner as is herein prescribed, at a Meeting specially to be convened for that Purpose : *Provided*

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Provided the President and Directors, or any Number of Stockholders holding One Hundred Shares, or more, shall consider it necessary.

EIGHTHLY. THE President and Directors shall hold a Meeting on the First *Monday* in each Month, and at any other Time, or Times they shall think necessary : Not less than Five Directors shall constitute a Board for the Transaction of Business ; of whom the President shall make One, if present, but in Case of his Absence One of the Directors shall preside for that Meeting.

NINTHLY. The Board of Directors shall determine the Manner of doing Business; the Rules and Form to be pursued ; appoint and pay the various Officers which they may find necessary ; make Contracts ; dispose of the Money and Credit of the Bank for the Interest and Benefit of the Proprietors ; and make from Time to Time, at least Once in every Six Months, such Dividends out of the Profits as shall appear to them adviseable : Provided they in no Instance do any Act contrary to the Regulations made by the Stockholders.

TENTHLY. THREE of the Directors shall, by Rotation, monthly, more immediately inspect the Business of the Bank, and shall, at least Once every Week, examine into the State of the Cash Account ; of the Notes issued and received ; and cause the Accounts to be regularly stated and balanced, and the Balances transferred.

ELEVENTHLY. A PRESIDENT or Director, as such, shall not be entitled to any Compensation, or Emolument, unless allowed by the Stockholders at a general Meeting.

TWELFTHLY. THE Cashier, and Clerk, or Clerks, before Admission to their respective Trusts, shall give Bond, with Two or more Sureties, to the Satisfaction of the President and Directors ; the Cashier, in a Sum not less than *Five Thousand Dollars*, and each Clerk, in a Sum not less than *One Thousand Dollars*, conditioned for the faithful Discharge of their several Duties.

THIRTEENTHLY. THE Stock, or Shares, of the Bank shall be transferable only at the Bank by the Stockholder, or Stockholders, or his, her, or their Attorney legally appointed, and in a Form to be prescribed by the President and Directors.

FOURTEENTHLY. If any President, Director, or Officer of the Bank, shall commit any Fraud, or Embezzlement, touching the Money, Property, or Securities of the Bank, he shall forfeit all his Share, or Shares, or Stock in the Bank, and be prosecuted to the utmost Rigor of the Law.

FIFTEENTHLY. THE Bank shall be opened, and commence Business, on the First *Monday* of *January*, A. D. 1796.

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SIXTEENTHLY. ALL Sums of Money offered shall be received into the Bank for safe Keeping, and delivered out to the Order or Check of the Proprietor, or Proprietors, at his, her, or their Pleasure, without any Charge for receiving, keeping and delivering the same.

SEVENTEENTHLY. THAT the Subscribers to the said Bank convene at the State-House on *Tuesday*, the Thirteenth Day of *October* next, at Three o'Clock, P. M. and elect Nine Directors, to continue until the First *Monday in January*, A. D. 1797; who, at their First Meeting, shall appoint One of their Number President: That the President and Directors, on being appointed as aforesaid, shall apply to the Legislature of this State for an *Act* to incorporate the Subscribers, under the Name of **THE PRESIDENT, DIRECTORS, AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF RHODE-ISLAND**, to grant to them the Rights Privileges and Security essential to such a Corporation, and to ratify and establish by Law the Constitution of the said Bank, as agreed to by the Subscribers; and their *Acts* and *Doings* under and in Conformity to the said Constitution.

AND WHEREAS, in Pursuance of the First Article in said Plan, a Subscription was opened and filled as therein proposed: And Whereas in Pursuance of the Seventeenth Article of the said Plan, *Christopher Champlin, George Champlin, George Gibbs, Peleg Clarke, Caleb Gardner, Thomas Dennis, Simeon Martin, James Robinson, and Walter Channing*, were elected Directors of the said Bank, who have elected the said *Christopher Champlin* President thereof: And whereas the said President and Directors have petitioned this General Assembly for an *Act* to incorporate the Stockholders in the said Bank:

THEREFORE, Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the aforesaid Articles are and shall be, the Constitution of the said Bank. And all *Acts* and *Doings* under, and in Conformity to the said Constitution shall be good and effectual in Law.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Stockholders in the said Bank, their Successors, and Assigns, shall be, and are hereby, created and made a Corporation and Body politic, by the Name and Style of *The President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Rhode-Island*: And by that Name shall be, and are hereby made capable in Law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy, and retain to them, and their Successors, Lands, Rents, Teneements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels and Effects of what Kind or Nature soever: And the same to sell, grant, demise, aliene, or dispose of; to sue or be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, to defend and be defended, in Courts of Record, or any other Place whatever: And also to make, have and use a common Seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at their Pleasure: And also to ordain and establish, and put in Execution such *By-Laws, Ordinances and Regulations* as shall seem necessary and

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and convenient for the Government of the said Corporation; not being contrary to Law and the Constitution of the said Bank: And generally to do and execute all, and singular, Acts, Matters and Things which to them it shall or may appertain to do.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Stockholder, or Member of the said Corporation, shall be answerable for any Loss, Deficiency, or Failure, of the Capital Stock of the said Corporation for any more, or larger Sum, or Sums of Money whatever than the Amount of the Stock, or Stocks, or Shares which shall appear by the Books of the said Corporation to belong to him, her, or them, at the Time or Times when such Loss or Losses shall be sustained.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case any Person indebted to the said Bank, on any Bond, Bill, or Note, by him duly executed, or indorsed, with an express Consent in Writing, that the same should be negotiable in the said Bank, and on any Bill of Exchange that shall be accepted, shall fail of making Payment at the Time therein specified, the President, or in his Absence, the Three Directors to be quarterly appointed, shall cause the same to be delivered to a Notary-Public, who shall demand Payment thereof, and, on Refusal, shall protest the same: And in that Case it shall and may be lawful for the President for the Time being, or in his Absence the Three Directors to be quarterly appointed as aforesaid, to transmit the said Bond, Bill, Note, or Bill of Exchange, to either of the Clerks of the Courts of Common Pleas, or of the Superior Court, in either of the Counties in this State, together with the said Protest, and to order the said Clerk to issue a Writ of Execution of *Capias ad satisfaciendum, Fieri Facias* and Attachment of real Estate in the Name of *The President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Rhode-Island*, on which the Debt and all the Costs may be levied, by taking the Property of the Delinquent, or Delinquents, to the Amount of the Sum or Sums of Money mentioned in the said Bond, Bill, Note, or Bill of Exchange, and Cost: And such Clerk is hereby required to issue Execution or Executions, directed to any Sheriff, or Deputy-Sheriff in the State; which shall be made returnable to the Court whose Clerk shall issue the same which shall First sit after the issuing thereof, on the Second Day of such Court's Sitting, and shall be as valid and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had issued on Judgment regularly obtained, according to the common and ordinary Course of Proceedings in said Court. *Provided always,* That before any Execution or Executions shall issue as aforesaid the President, or, in his Absence, the Three Directors aforesaid, shall make Oath or Affirmation ascertaining whether the whole, or what Part, of the Debt mentioned in said Bond, Bill, Note, or Bill of Exchange, is due, which said Oath or Affirmation shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court from which the Execution shall issue: And if the Defendant shall appear at said Court to which said Execution is made returnable

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turnable on the Second Day thereof, and dispute the whole or any Part of said Debt, the Court before whom such Execution may be returned as aforesaid, shall order an Issue to be joined, and Trial to be had at the same Sitting thereof at which the Return shall be made; and the just Debt and Cost shall be paid on such Execution, at the same Sitting of such Court: Any Law, Custom, or Usage, to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding: *And provided also*, That all Cost accruing on Actions, brought upon Security, or Securities, given to the said Bank at common Term-Time, shall be taxed agreeably to Law.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, or Persons, shall forge, or counterfeit, or fraudulently utter, any of the Notes, or Checks of, or on, the said Bank, or pay, or tender in Payment, or offer to pass, any forged, or counterfeit, or altered Note, or Check, knowing them to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, and shall thereof be convicted before any Court of Law within this State, he, she, or they, shall be judged a Felon, or Felons, and suffer such Punishment as shall be adjudged by said Court, so as the same do not extend to Death, or more than Seven Years Servitude or Imprisonment.

T. Howland *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Howland, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for supplying, by Order of this Assembly, Carey Parker, a poor Prisoner committed at the Suit of the State, with Cloathing.*
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Del. 18 Cts. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That so much of the Account of Henry Ward, Esq. for his Services as Secretary, from the Rising of this Assembly at the last Session to the present Time, as amounts to One Hundred Dollars and Eighteen Cents, be allowed and paid him out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange.*

An ACT establishing a Troop of Horse in the County of Bristol, by the Name of The Ready Volunteers.

*Charter to
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 Volunteers.*

WHEREAS the Preservation of Government, in a great Measure, depends on the military Skill and Discipline of the Inhabitants: And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Bristol, to wit: *William Coggeshall, John M. Coggeshall, Thomas Kinnicut, Calvin Martin, William Peck, Isaiab Burr, Henry Coggeshall, William Bliss, John Coomer, jun. James Coggeshall, Aaron Bowen, Daniel Finney, Elisha Carpenter, Elisha P. Finney, Martin Luther, Shubaet Kinnicut, William Kinnicut, Samuel Haile, Simon Humphry,*

Humphry, Elkanah Humphry, Amaziab Lilly, Hezekiah Peck, Anderson Martin, Benjamin Bosworth, jun. Daniel Bradford, jun. John Finney, Greenwood Reynolds, Bradford Fales, John Pearce, Jeremiah S. Drown, Ebenezer Smith, Nathaniel Smith, jun. and Matthew Watson, have offered themselves to begin, and with such others as shall be added to them, to form themselves into a Body of Horse, by the Name of *The Ready Volunteers*: And by their Petition prayed this Assembly to grant them a Charter, with such Restrictions and Limitations as this Assembly may think proper: Wherefore, this Assembly, in order to give all due Encouragement to so laudable an Undertaking,

HAVE Ordained and Granted, and do hereby Ordain and Grant, That the said Petitioners, with such others as shall hereafter join and be by them admitted, not exceeding Sixty-four Men, be, and they are hereby declared to be, an independent Body of Horse by the Name of *The Ready Volunteers*; and by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have all the Rights, Powers, Privileges and Honors in this Grant hereinafter named.

In the First Place. It is granted unto the said Body, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall and may once in every Year, to wit: On the First Monday in October, meet and assemble themselves in some convenient Place, to be by them appointed, and there choose One Captain, One First Lieutenant, One Second Lieutenant, and One Cornet, and all other Officers necessary for the training, disciplining, and well governing the said Corps, or Body of Horse: At which Election no Officer shall be chosen, but by a greater Number of Votes then present. The Captain, Lieutenants, and Cornet, being approved of by the Governor for the Time being, shall be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner that other military Officers in this Government are.

Secondly. THAT the said Corps, or Body of Horse, shall meet and exercise Four Times in each Year, and shall, for the same Purpose, have Liberty to meet on such other Days as they shall think necessary: And that for Non-Attendance on each or either of the said Quarterly Days the following Fines shall be levied, to and for the Use of the said Body of Horse, to wit: The Captain for each Day's Neglect One Dollar and Fifty Cents, the First Lieutenant One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents, the Second Lieutenant One Dollar, and the Cornet Eighty Cents, to be levied by Warrant of Distress from the Captain, or Superior Officer of the said Corps for the Time being, directed to the Clerk, who shall execute the same.

Thirdly. THAT the said Corps, or the greater Number of them, shall have Power to make such Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall think necessary to promote the End of this Establishment; and to lay such Fines and Forfeitures upon any of their Body for the Breach of any such Rules and Orders as they

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shall think proper, so as the same exceed not the Sum of *Two Dollars* for any Offence; and shall have full Power to levy the said Fines and Forfeitures they shall so impose by a Warrant of Distress from the Captain, as aforesaid, directed to the Clerk.

Fourthly. THAT all those who shall be duly enlisted in the said Corps of Horse, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing military Duty, in the several Companies or trained Bands in whose District they respectively live, except Watching and Warding.

Fifthly. THAT the commissioned Officers of the said Corps, or Body of Horse, from Time to Time, shall be of the Court-Martial in the District in which they live.

Sixtly. If any Officer, or Officers, of the said Body of Horse shall be disapproved by the Governor, or shall remove out of the said County of *Bristol*, or shall die, that then the Captain, or commanding Officer for the Time being, shall call the said Corps, or Body of Horse, together as soon as conveniently may be, and choose another in the Room of the said Officer, or Officers, so disapproved, removed or dead, in the same Manner as is herein above described.

Sevently. THAT the said Corps, or Body of Horse, on all Field-Days, or in Time of Alarm, shall be under the immediate Direction of the Colonel, or commanding Officer, of the Regiment, for the Time being; and shall be entitled to take the Right of the Regiment; and that the Officers be commissioned accordingly.

Eightly. THAT the said Corps, or Body of Horse, be accoutred, uniformed, and equipped in such a Manner as by a Majority of them, in a public Meeting, shall be agreed upon, at their own Expence.

At the Request of the said Troop,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *William Coggeshall*, be the Captain, Mr. *John M. Coggeshall*, the First Lieutenant, Mr. *Thomas Kinnicut*, the Second Lieutenant, and Mr. *Calvin Martin*, Cornet of the said Corps, or Body of Horse.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to sign an Exemplification of this Charter, and cause the Seal of the State to be thereunto affixed; whereupon the said Troop of Horse shall be entitled to the Rights and Privileges herein granted.

At respect- ing the in- dependent Companies. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That every Person belonging to either of the independent Companies in this State who shall not produce a Certificate from his commanding Officer, that he is uniformed, equipped and furnished agreeably to the Charter of such independent

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independent Company, shall be subject to do Duty in the Company of Infantry, or trained Band in the District in which he lives, in the same Manner as if he did not belong to such independent Company.

An ACT in addition to an Act entitled "An Act for taking a general Estimate of the rateable Property within the State, and of that belonging to the Inhabitants being without the State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority Addition to thereof it is hereby Enacted, That any Six of the State's Committee who shall accept of their Appointment shall constitute a Quorum, and be authorized to proceed upon the Business thereof: And that in all Proceedings of the said Committee, consisting of Six Members or more, a Majority of Votes shall govern.

WHEREAS John Handy and Simeon Martin, Esq's. presented unto this Assembly an Account, of which the following is a State. Handy and Martin for repairing the Gaol in Newport, &c.
ment, *to wit*:

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account Current with John Handy, and Simeon Martin.

1795, May.	To Materials provided for repairing the Gaol in Newport, and Cash paid for doing the same, as per the Vouchers herewith produced,	£. 62 5 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
	To our Time and Attendance upon the Business,	4 8 0
	To Cash paid Christopher Ellery, Esq. public Notary, at Newport, for Captain Bliss's Protest against the hostile Conduct of Capt. Rodham Home,	0 12 0
		£. 67 5 10 $\frac{1}{4}$

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1795, June.	By Cash received of the General Treasurer, £. 60 0 0
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	£. 67 5 10 $\frac{1}{4}$

AND whereas the Lower House of Assembly appointed a Committee thereon, who made the following Report, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers, in Pursuance of our Appointment, have carefully examined the foregoing Account, and compared it with the Vouchers, and do report, that there is a Balance due thereon to the

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the said *Handy and Martin*, of *Seven Pounds Five Shillings and Ten Pence One Farthing* : Which is submitted by

JOHN SMITH,
THOMAS NOYES.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesgoing Report be accepted, and that *Twenty-four Dollars and Thirty-one Cents*, being the Balance therein mentioned, be paid to the said *John Handy*, and *Simeon Martin*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

Grant of
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D. Greene.

UPON due Consideration of the Petition of *David Greene*, of *North-Kingstown*, in the County of *Washington*, Yeoman, representing that, some Time in the Year 1788, he lodged with *Robert Stanton*, Esq. then one of the Justices of the Common Pleas for the County aforesaid, the Sum of *Seventy Pounds*, in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, in *May, A. D. 1786*, to discharge a Debt due from him to *Robert Mowry*, of *North-Kingstown* aforesaid, by Note, which Note was assigned to *Nicholas Webster*; that the said Bills of Credit being refused were lodged in the General Treasury; and that he hath since paid the same Note in Specie; and praying that he may receive the Money so lodged out of the General Treasury :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said *David Greene* be, and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General Treasury the same Money that was actually lodged therein on the above mentioned Account.

J. Reynolds,
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IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Dollars and Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Joseph Reynolds*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, out of the General Treasury in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Support of *George Milliman*, a poor Prisoner, committed at the Suit of the State.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifty-six Dollars and Thirteen Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Israel Manchester*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Discharge of his Account, to the present Time, for the Support and Gaol Fees of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State; and for Repairs made by him on the said Goal.

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An ACT granting a Charter to *The United Library Company*, in *Glocester*.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Glocester* have preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that being desirous of establishing a Library in the said Town, they have subscribed a considerable Sum of Money for that Purpose, and prayed that a Charter of Incorporation may be granted them by the Name of *The United Library Company* :

Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That William Tourtellot, Timothy Wilmarth, Jesse Armstrong, Benjamin Hawkins, Solomon Owen, jun. Jesse Potter, Jonathan Knapp, Abigail Keach, Thomas Owen, jun. Stephen Winsor, Anna Pettyplace, Simeon Smith, Daniel Crossman, Anan Evans, Seth Hunt, jun. Benjamin Pettyplace, Eleazer Bellows, Cyrus Cooke, Simeon Steere, Jonathan Harris, Esek Harris, Dudley Salsbury, Daniel Owen, Oliver Owen, James Mason, Daniel Owen, jun. John Aldrich, Elijah Armstrong, Jecktan Putnam, Joseph Hines, Seth Ross, Stephen Wilmarth, Oliver Smith, Peter Hawkins, Joseph Bowen, Samuel Steere, jun. Afa Ballou, Elisha Field, Stephen Brown, Mark Steere, Afa Steere, Robert Dursey, Jacob Smith, Jonathan Pain, Anthony Place, Stephen Vallett, Jedediah Sprague, Abram Fisk, Nicholas Keach, Ahab Sayles, Benjamin Pain, Amasa Eddy, Thomas Brown, Daniel Smith, Ebenezer Felch, Obadiah Smith, James Potter, Wanton Potter, Esek Smith, Joseph Wilmarth, Esek Sayles, William Steere, jun. Penelope Armstrong, and Richard Steere, jun. being the aforesaid Petitioners, and all others who shall by them be admitted Members of their Company be, and they are hereby, constituted, erected and made a Body politic and corporate, to subsist at all Times forever hereafter in Deed and Name, by the Name of *The United Library Company*; and by that Name shall and may have perpetual Succession, and be Persons able and capable in Law to have hold receive and enjoy Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Rents in Fee-simple or for Term of Life, Lives, Years, or otherwise, and also Goods, Chattels and all other Things of what Nature, Kind or Quality soever; provided the same do not exceed the Sum of *Five Thousand Dollars*; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and, Chattels; and to do and execute all other Things about the same, by the Name aforesaid: And also that they, and their Successors by the Name of *The United Library Company*, be, and forever hereafter shall be, a Company, or Persons able, capable and liable to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all or any of the Courts of Law, or otherwise before any of the Judges, Justices or other Persons whomsoever, in all Manner of Actions, Complaints, or Pleas whatever: And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, and their Successors forever hereafter, to have one common Seal for their Use, and the same at their Will and Pleasure to change and alter.

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And for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the
said Company,

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, and their Successors, to assemble and meet together on the Second Monday of November, in every Year, and at such other Times as they shall think convenient, at their Library, or other suitable Place, in the Town of Gloucester, due and public Notice being given, at least Five Days before the Time of their Meeting (provided the same be specially called) not only of the Day, Hour, and Place of such Meeting, but of the Cause thereof, and of the Matters to be transacted therein: And that the said Company, or One Third Part of them at least, being met in Person, or by Proxy duly constituted in Writing, shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to make, institute, and establish such Laws, Statutes, and Orders, as shall appear to them, or the major Part of them, so present, to be useful and necessary for the Government, Regulation and Direction of the Company, and of every Member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the Election or Nomination of Officers for the said Society, and for limiting, appointing and defining their Trust and Authority, and for the admitting of new Members; and to do all Things concerning the Government, Estates, Goods, and Revenues, and all other the Business and Affairs of the said Company: All which Laws, Statutes and Orders, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every Member, and be from Time to Time inviolably observed, according to the Tenor and Effect of them; Provided they be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

And for the easier and better Government of the said Company,

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Company, at their said Meeting on the said Second Monday in November, shall annually choose Three Directors, a Librarian, and Treasurer for the said Company.

J. Dorrance IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Dorrance, Esq. be, and he
a Commit-tee-Man to is hereby appointed, a Member of the State's Committee for tak-
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Resignation of *I. Cole* and *T. Allin*, Members of the State's Committee for taking the general Estimate, having resigned the said Offices:

of the State's Committee. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That their Resignation be accepted: And that a new Election take Place to fill the said Committee.

W. W. Pollock *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Dollars and Fifty Cents be
allowed and paid to Mr. William W. Pollock out of the General
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Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for dieting the Guard placed over the Gaol in the County of Washington, in the Year 1791, when *Thomas Mount*, under Sentence of Death, was confined there.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ebenezer K. Dexter* be appointed Captain, *Samuel Smith*, Lieutenant, and *Samuel Staples*, Ensign, of the Third Company in the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

WHEREAS the Town of *Bristol* hath not appointed a Committee to take an Account of the rateable Property in that Town, pursuant to the Act for taking a general Estimate, passed at the Session held in June last:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Town be empowered, any Time within One Month from the Rising of this Assembly, to appoint a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That in the other Towns in the State, such Persons as have not given in an Account of their rateable Property, agreeably to the said Act, be allowed to give in the same any Time within the Period aforesaid.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Glocester*, *Smithfield*, *Johnston*, and *North-Providence*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the said Towns have been at a very considerable Expence in revising and straightening the great Road leading from the Town of *Providence* to *Killingly*: That the Surveyors of the several Districts on the said road have exerted themselves to keep the same in Repair; but that from the Roughness of the Country through which the said Road goes, and from the very great Number of Teams that pass it, they find it beyond their utmost Exertions to keep it in Order: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Four Thousand Dollars* to be appropriated to and laid out in making Repairs upon the said Road from *Providence* Line, near *Tar-Bridge*, through the said Towns of *North-Providence*, *Johnston*, *Smithfield*, and Part of *Glocester*, as far as *Cepachet-Bridge*: And that *Messieurs Edward Manton, Nehemiah Hawkins, Daniel Winsor*, and *Elisha Manton*, may be appointed Managers of the said Lottery, and empowered to apply the Proceeds thereof to the repairing of the said Road:

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted: That the aforesaid *Edward Manton, Nehemiah Hawkins, Daniel Winsor*, and *Elisha Manton*, be appointed Managers of the said Lottery, with full Power to set forth the same upon such Scheme, or Schemes, as they may think best, and to appropriate

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propriate the Money to be raised thereby to repairing the said Road, agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition; they giving Bond to the General Treasurer, with sufficient Sureties, for the faithful Dil-charge of the Trust hereby reposed in them, to the Amount of the Value of all the Tickets proposed by such Scheme, or Schemes, for Sale.

A. Babcock
allowed 3 D.
73 C.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Dollars and Seventy-three Cents be allowed and paid to Augustus Babcock, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of Washington, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the estab-lished Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full discharge of his Account, for the Services and Expences of himself and Aid in apprehending and committing to Gaol Peter Freeman, a poor Convict at the Suit of the State, and for whipping and selling him.

An ACT appointing a Thanksgiving.

*At appoint-
a Thaksgiv-
ing.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thursday, the Nineteenth Day of November next, be set apart as a Day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer.—And the General Assembly do earnestly recommend to Ministers and People of all Denominations, to assemble on that Day, at their usual Places of public Worship, to offer up their un-signed Acknowledgments to the Supreme Being, for the manifold Mercies which they have enjoyed the present Year; to supplicate the Continuance of his Favours, and to preserve the Health, Pros-perity and Happiness of all Mankind. And his Excellency the Governor is requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly.*

E. Wheeler
allowed
23 D. 50 C.

WHEREAS Mr. Bennett Wheeler, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State for printing Business done for the State to the present Time; which was by the Lower-House of Assembly referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, to wit:

AGREEABLY to our appointment we have examined the above Account of Mr. Bennett Wheeler, and find Twenty-three Dollars and Fifty Cents to be due to him thereon.

NOAH MATHEWSON,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accept-ed; that the aforesaid Sum of Twenty-three Dollars and Fifty Cents be paid to the said Bennett Wheeler, out of the General Treasury in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the estab-lished Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Discharge of his said Account.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *William Babcock* of *Westerly*, in the County of *Washington*, Yeoman, by his Petition, represented unto this Assembly, that the Proprietors of the Land adjoining the new Highway lately laid out in *Westerly* aforesaid, were by this Assembly permitted to keep good Gates on the said Highway until the Fifth Day of November, A. D. 1795, without being obliged to fence it off: That he hath kept good Gates through his Land on the said Highway: And that it hath not been in his Power to fence off the same: And thereupon the said *William Babcock* prayed this Assembly to suspend the opening of the said Highway for one Year; upon Condition of his keeping up good Gates through his said Land, during that Time, for the Convenience of all concerned:

At for opening the new Highway in *Westerly* suspended.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said *William Babcock*, in his aforesaid Petition contained be, and the same is hereby granted.

WHEREAS the Members of the Baptist Church in *Foster*, in the County of *Providence*, and a great Number of the Congregation, under the pastoral Care of Elder *John Hammond*, by their Petition, represented unto this Assembly, that they have no convenient Place in the said Town to convene the said Church and Congregation, which is large, for public Worship; and that they are not able to build a suitable House for that Purpose; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Two Thousand Dollars*, to build a Meeting-House, to be owned by the said Church, for the Benefit of said Church and Congregation, in some convenient Place, in the said Town of *Foster*, as shall be agreed upon by the said Church: And that *William Tyler*, Esq. *Capt. Levi Round*, and *Mr. Benjamin Seamans* may be appointed Managers of the said Lottery, with Power to appropriate the Money that shall be raised thereby to build a Meeting-House for the Use aforesaid:

Lottery granted to build a Meeting-House in *Foster*.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted: That the said *William Tyler*, *Levi Round*, and *Benjamin Seamans* be appointed Managers of the said Lottery, with full Power to set forth the same, for raising the said Sum of *Two Thousand Dollars*, and to appropriate the Money that shall be raised thereby to the building a Meeting-House, agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition; they giving Bond to the General-Treasurer, with sufficient Sureties, to the Amount of the Value of all the Tickets by them proposed to be sold by the Scheme of the said Lottery, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust hereby reposed in them.

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An ACT regulating the Toll of Rhode-Island Bridge.

An Act regulating the Toll of Rhode-Island Bridge is hereby Enacted, That the Proprietors of Rhode-Island Bridge shall have a Right to demand and receive the following Tolls for passing the same, to wit:

	Cents. Mills.
For each Foot-Passenger,	6 3
For One Person and Horse,	12 5
For a Horse and Chaise, Chair, Sulky, or Sleigh,	25
For a Coach, Chariot, Coachee, Phæton, Curricles, and all other Carriages of Four Wheels, and Sleighs for Passengers with Two Horses,	62 5
For the same, with Four Horses,	75
For a single Horse-Cart, or Sled,	20
For a Cart, or Waggon, drawn by Two Horses, or Oxen,	25
For the same, drawn by Three or Four neat Cattle, or Horses,	37 5
For drift neat Cattle, or Horses, each,	8
For Calves, or Colts, under One Year Old, Sheep, Lambs, or Hogs, each,	2
For drift Turkies, and Geese, by the Dozen,	4
For every Wheelbarrow, Hand-Cart, and every other Vehicle capable of carrying the like Weight,	8

ALL Carriages, and Stock, not herein before described shall pay in proportion to the above Rates.

ONE Driver, and no more, shall be allowed to each Team, Cart, Waggon, Sled, Sleigh, or other Vehicle, employed in carrying Goods.

THE Toll shall be demanded and payable before the Enterance on the Bridge at the Side where the Toll-Keeper shall be established; and of those who shall enter on the other Side, it shall be demanded and payable before they come off the said Bridge.

IF any Person shall enter on the said Bridge, on either Side, and not cross the same, one Toll only shall be demanded.

IF any Person or Persons, on Parties of Pleasure, on either Side of the said Bridge, shall have paid Toll both Ways, they shall be permitted to pass and re-pass during the Rest of the Day Toll-free.

HORSERACING, and Gunning on the said Bridge are strictly prohibited,

R. Robinson IT is Voted and Resolved, That Rowland Robinson, Esq. be permitted to take from the Office of the General-Treasurer of this State, an Order in the Name of the said Robinson, and of *Nathaniel Gardner*,

Gardner, deceased, upon his leaving a Copy thereof, and a Receipt for the Original.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Office of a Public-Notary be established for the Towns of *Westerly, Charlestown, and Hopkinton*, in the County of *Washington*; and that *Samuel Brown, Esq.* be, and he hereby is elected and appointed to that Office.

Public Notary established for *Westerly, Charlestown, and Hopkinton.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Dollars and Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Levi Totten, and John Segar, Esq's.* Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Washington*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Fees upon the apprehending, convicting, and passing Sentence upon *Peter Freeman*, a poor Prisoner charged with stealing.

L. Totten, & J. Segar allowed 3 D. 50 C.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to the Town-Treasurer of *Newport*, out of the General Treasury in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of an Account charged by the said Town against the State, for the Support of French Exiles; which Account was examined and approved by a Committee appointed by the Lower-House of Assembly.

Grant to *Newport for the Support of French Exiles 28 D.*

WHEREAS Mr. *Samuel Carr*, of *North-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that *William Carr*, his Apprentice, was committed to the close Gaol in *Newport*, on the Eighth Day of *January, A. D. 1792*, on Suspicion of his being concerned in the Murther of one *Thomas Mowry*, who was then living, and remained so confined until the Sixth Day of *April* following: That he, the Petitioner, was at the weekly Expence of *One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents* during the whole of that Time, for the Subsistence, in Gaol, of his said Apprentice: And that in feeing Counsel, in extraordinary Cloathing on Account of the Inclemency of the Season, and otherwise he hath been put to great Expences on that Account: And thereupon the said *Samuel Carr* prayed this Assembly to make him a reasonable Allowance:

S. Carr allowed 16 D. 25 C.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-five Cents* be allowed and paid to the said *Samuel Carr*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same shall be in full Compensation for all his Demands upon the above mentioned Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents* *H Barber* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Henry Barber*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his

allowed 8 D. 50 C.

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his Account for Printing-Work done for the State to the present Time.

An ACT altering the Style of the Two Houses of the General Assembly.

Style of the
Two Houses
of Assembly
altered.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-of it is hereby Enacted, That the Paragraph of the Act regulating the Sitting of the General Assembly, so far as relates to the Style of the Two Houses composing the same, be, and hereby is repealed.

*And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That during the Session of the General Assembly as prescribed by the said Act, the Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Assistants shall, in future, be styled *The House of Magistrates*; and the Deputies from the several Towns, in Session agreeably to the said Act, *The House of Representatives*.*

Lottery
granted for
paving a
Street in
East-Green-
wich, &c.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of *East-Greenwich* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the paving the Street in that Town, leading from the State-House to the new Gaol, will greatly accommodate the Inhabitants, and others who resort there; but that they are unable to raise a sufficient Sum to defray the Expence; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars* for that Purpose; that Capt. *Thomas Arnold* and *Hopkins Cooke*, Esq. both of *East-Greenwich* aforesaid, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, with full Power to set forth the same upon such a Plan as they shall think most conducive to answer the End proposed; that the said Directors, together with Mr. *Jonathan Salbury*, and *Benjamin Howland*, Esq. also of said *East-Greenwich*, may be a Committee for providing the Materials, and for paving the said Street, to be amenable to the Town-Council of the said Town: That the said Town-Council may be empowered to settle the Account of the said Committee: And that, if the Avails of the said Lottery should, after defraying the incidental Charges thereof, be more than sufficient for the said Purpose, the Surplus may be appropriated by the said Town-Council to the purchasing an Engine to extinguish Fire, for the Use of the compact Part of the said Town:

Which being duly considered.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted; the said Directors giving Bond to the General-Treasurer, with sufficient Sureties, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust hereby reposed in them.

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WHEREAS the Sitting of the District Court, and of the Circuit Court, in Providence, in November next, renders it impracticable for the Counsel for the Parties to file Declarations and Answers to the Term of the Court of Common Pleas to be holden, within and for the County of Newport, in November next, at the Times prescribed by Law:

Time allowed for filing Declarations &c. to Newport November Court.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Declarations may be filed to the said Court any Time before the Sitting thereof, and Answers on the First and Second Days of the said Court: Any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. William Greene, George Com. to aff Tillinghast, and Ray Greene, be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to fix the Bounds for the Liberties of the Gaol-Yard to the new Gaol, in the County of Kent: That they report the Liberties they shall assign to the said Gaol-Yard to this Assembly, at the next Session: And that, in the mean Time, the Liberties of the said Gaol-Yard.

sign the Limits of the Gaol in the County of Kent.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all those who are now Members of the Engine-Companies, in the Towns of Newport, and Providence, be exempted from doing Duty in the Militia: Any Thing in the Act for organizing the Militia of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Engine-Companies in Newport and Providence.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That all Persons who shall hereafter be elected, or appointed, into either of the said Companies shall be subject to Militia Duty, unless otherwise exempted therefrom.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand-Committee, elected the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List to the Offices ascribed to them respectively, *to wit*:

George Brown, Esq. Second Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, in and throughout the State.

Noab Matthewson, Esq. Second Assistant, in the Room of Peleg Arnold, Esq. elected Chief Justice of the Superior Court, &c.

Peleg Clarke, Esq. Eighth Assistant, in the Room of George Brown, Esq. elected an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court, &c.

Joseph Fenner, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Providence.

Benjamin Sheldon, Esq. a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Smithfield, in Addition to those already chosen.

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Joseph Noyes, jun. Esq. Second Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

OFFICERS to command the following Companies of INFANTRY, *to wit*:

Warwick, First Company:
Bennett Low, Captain,
Thomas Stafford, Lieutenant,
Remington Arnold, Ensign.

Westerly, Second Company:
Arnold Bliven, Captain,
George Wells, Lieutenant,
Joshua Noyes, Ensign.

North Kingstown, First Company:
Royal Vaughan, Captain,
Daniel Hunt, Lieutenant,
Joseph Corey, (Son of William)
Ensign.

South-Kingstown, First Company:
Benjamin T. Sheffield, Captain,
Jeffery H. Browning, Lieut.

Third Company:
Enoch Steadman, Captain,
William Knowles, Lieutenant,
John Knowles, Ensign.

Charlestown, Second Company:
Jeffery Hazard, Ensign.

Richmond, Second Company:
Rowse Clarke, Captain,
Benjamin Wilbur, Lieutenant,
Ezekiel Johnston, Ensign.

Com. to sell
the old Gaol
in Kent.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *William Greene*, and *George Tillinghaft*, both of *East-Greenwich*, and *Ray Greene*, Esq. of *Warwick* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, and authorized and empowered, to sell the old Gaol, in the County of *Kent*, its Appurtenances, and the Lot whereon it stands, at public or private Sale, at their Discretion: That a Deed or Deeds by them given to the Purchaser or Purchasers of the said Gaol, Lot and Appurtenances, shall convey to such Purchaser or Purchasers, his, her, or their Heirs and Assigns forever all the Right, Title, and Interest which this State hath in the said Premises: And that the said Committee place the Money arising from the Sale, after deducting the Expences of the same, in the General Treasury.

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lowed to the
State's Com.
each.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That each Member of the State's Committee, for taking a general Estimate, be empowered to draw out of the General Treasury *One Hundred Dollars*, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that they account for the same.

*S. Eldred al-
lowed 17 D.
50 C. and E.
Diman 15 D.*

*WHEREAS Samuel Eldred, of North-Kingstown, and Benjamin Diman, of the same Town, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the said Samuel, and Alice, the Wife of the said Benjamin, were committed to Gaol in the County of *Newport* on Suspicion of being accessory to the Death of one *Thomas Mowry*, who is still living; that the said Samuel was there confined, from the 31st Day of December, A. D. 1791, to the 5th Day of April, A. D. 1792, and the said Alice from the 5th Day of January, A. D. 1792 to the same Time: And that in Consequence of the said Confinement*

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Confinement and the Inclemency of the Weather they, the Petitioners, were put to heavy Expences and suffered great Loss: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to make them reasonable Compensation:

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents* be allowed to the said *Samuel Eldred*, and *Fifteen Dollars* to the said *Benjamin Diman*, in Compensation for their aforesaid Claims; and that the same be paid to them, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Five Dollars* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Daniel Douglass*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly; at the present Session, as a Waiter, and for providing Candles.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Four Dollars and Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *James Tefft*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Dollar and Seventeen Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Candlesticks provided for the State-House in the County of *Washington*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Six Dollars and Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Ebenezer Tefft*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for cleaning the State-House, and providing Sand, and for his attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Dollars and Thirty-two Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Timothy Peckham*, jun. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Iron-Work done for the Gaol in the County of *Washington*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eleven Dollars and Twenty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Asher Robbins*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account

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Account for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House, and for providing Paper and Quills.

Vote to apply for the disallowed Claims of the Citizens of this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Representatives of this State, in Congress, be requested to take such Measures as they may find expedient to procure from the Board of Commissioners, who settled the Accounts of this State with the United States, or from any Office where they may be deposited, the disallowed Claims of the Individuals of this State against the United States; and when procured, to restore them to the original Claimants.

S. E. Gardiner allowed 12 D. 30 C.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Dollars and Thirty Cents be allowed and paid to Samuel E. Gardiner, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Secretary pro Tempore, and for providing Paper.

At respect- ing Peti- tions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Proceedings be stayed upon all Petitions pending before this Assembly for Trial, upon the Dockets. And that where such Petitioners are in Gaol they be liberated, upon their giving Bonds, to the Satisfaction of the Sheriff of the County in which they are committed, to return if their Petitions shall not be granted.

Adjourn- ment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish, and transmit, the Acts and Orders of this Assembly to the proper Officers, as directed by Law: And that this Assembly be adjourned to the First Monday in February next, then to convene in the State-House at Providence.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY: DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Wardsey.

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND):
PRINTED BY NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, PRINTER TO THE STATE.
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FEBRUARY, 1796.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Monday in February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Twentieth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Esq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Esq.*.
NOAH MATHEWSON, *Esq.*.
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Esq.*.
JOHN COOKE, *Esq.*.
JAMES CONGDON, *Esq.*.
JOB WATSON, *Esq.*.
JOHN HARRIS, *Esq.*.

ASSISTANTS.

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable ELISHA R. POTTER, Esq. Speaker.

NEWPORT :	Mr. Edward Wilcox.
George Champlin, Esq.	WEST-GREENWICH :
John Handy, Esq.	Samuel Hopkins, Esq.
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,	COVENTRY :
Mr. John L. Bots,	Joseph Rice, Esq.
Mr. Christopher Fowler,	Mr. Benjamin Arnold.
Simeon Martin, Esq.	EXETER :
PROVIDENCE :	Mr. James Clarke,
Welcome Arnold, Esq.	Mr. Abraham Wilcox, jun.
Charles Lippitt, Esq.	MIDDLETOWN :
John Smith, Esq.	Mr. Joshua Peckham,
Mr. Richard Jackson, jun.	Mr. Isaac Barker.
PORPSMOUTH :	BRISTOL :
Abraham Anthony, jun. Esq.	Samuel Wardwell, Esq.
Tillinghast Almy, Esq.	Loring Peck, Esq.
Mr. Thomas Potter.	TIVERTON :
WARWICK :	Thomas Durfee, Esq.
Moses Arnold, Esq.	Christopher Manchester, Esq.
Anthony Holden, Esq.	LITTLE-COMPTON :
Henry Remington, Esq.	Nathaniel Searle, Esq.
Thomas Holden, Esq.	John Davis, Esq.
WESTERLY :	WARREN :
Rowse Babcock, Esq.	Ichabod Cole, Esq.
NEW-SHOREHAM :	CUMBERLAND :
None.	Jotham Carpenter, Esq.
NORTH-KINGSTOWN :	Mr. David Sayles.
Daniel Updike, Esq.	RICHMOND :
George Thomas, Esq.	Jonathan Maxson, Esq.
SOUTH KINGS TOWN :	Mr. Thomas James.
Mr. Speaker,	CRANSTON :
Rowland Brown, Esq.	Caleb Williams, Esq.
EAST-GREENWICH :	Mr. John R. Arnold.
Mr. William Greene (<i>Son of Benj.</i>)	HOPKINTON :
JAMESTOWN :	George Thurston, Esq.
None.	JOHNSTON :
SMITHFIELD :	Mr. Edward Manton,
Job Aldrich, Esq.	Mr. William Waterman.
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.	NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
SCITUATE :	Ezekiel Whipple, Esq.
James Aldrich, Esq.	Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.
Job Randall, Esq.	BARRINGTON :
GLOCESTER :	Thomas Allen, Esq.
Samuel Winsor, Esq.	James Martin, Esq.
Mr. Silas Thayer.	FOSTER :
CHARLESTOWN :	William Tyler, Esq.
Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq.	Daniel Howard, Esq.

ASHER ROBBINS, Esq. being absent, Mr. WILLIAM MARCHANT was chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, *pro Tempore*.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That Sixty-eight Dollars and Twenty-five Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. *Vincent Gardner*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for providing Cloaths for, and boarding, *Rutter Gardner*, a State Pauper, to the last Day of November last.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Ninety-six Dollars be allowed and paid to *Walter Cooke*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services in attending as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court, &c. during the last Fall Circuit.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *George Milliman*, who is now confined in the Goal at South-Kingstown, at the Suit of the State, be discharged therefrom upon giving his Note, payable to the General Treasurer, for the Fine imposed upon him, and the legal Costs : And that the Clerk of the Court which passed Sentence upon him ascertain the same, and take his Note therefor, and transmit it to the General-Treasurer.

WHEREAS The Providence Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers preferred a Petition and represented to this Assembly, that by the Act incorporating them, passed at the Session of this Assembly held on the First Monday in March, A. D. 1789, the said Association, among other Things, is empowered "to affix a Sum to be paid on the Admission of any new Member, not exceeding Two Dollars :" And that from the increased Price of Labour, of Provisions, and other necessary Articles, the said Sum of Two Dollars is become inadequate to the benevolent Purposes of the said Association : And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to empower the said Association to affix a Sum, to be paid on the Admission of any new Member, not exceeding Ten Silver Dollars :

Which being duly considered,

BE it enacted by this General-Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said Act of Incorporation be amended ; and that the said Association be empowered to affix a Sum, to be paid on the Admission of any new Member, not exceeding Ten Silver Dollars.

WHEREAS the present Session of this Assembly interfers with the preparatory Business of the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Washington, to be holden on the Third Monday in this present Month :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby enacted, That Declarations may be filed on all Writs on mesne Process made returnable to the said Court, on the

Time allowed for filing Declarations &c. to Washington Common Pleas.

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the First Day of the Term thereof, and Answers to such Declarations, and Reasons of Appeal from Judgments of Justices Courts, on the Second Day of the said Term. Any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Report upon WHEREAS Messrs. *George Champlin, John L. Boss, and Christopher Fowler*, the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following Statement of an Account, and Report thereon, *to wit* :

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* their Specie Account, with *Henry Sherburne*, General-Treasurer.

1794,	To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 15, from Vouchers No. 1 to No. 37, inclusive,	File A.	£.457 16 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
1795,	To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 16, from Vouchers No. 38 to No. 75, inclusive,	File B.	846 2 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To Cash paid, as per Book No 1, Page 17, from Vouchers No. 76 to No. 117, inclusive,	File C.	1274 10 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page 18, from Vouchers No. 118 to No. 156, inclusive,	File D.	657 15 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1 Page 19, from Vouchers No. 157 to No. 198, inclusive,	File E.	754 6 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
	To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page 20, from Vouchers No. 199 to No. 236, inclusive,	File F.	797 1 4
	To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page 22, from Vouchers No. 237 to No. 277, inclusive,	File G.	416 4 6
796,	To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page 23, from Vouchers No. 278 to No. 299, inclusive,	File H.	650 16 9
Jan. 29,	Balance due to the State, carried to a new Account,		£.532 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>£.7386 15 7</u>

Creditor.

1794, {	By Balance of Accounts, this Day ad- justed,	£.279 8 8
9,	By Cash received of <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Commissioner of Loans, by the Hands of Governor <i>Fenner</i> , for a Grant made by the <i>United States</i> for the Support, in Part, of the French Emigrants in this State from <i>St.</i> <i>Domingo</i> ,	300 0 0

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June 30.	By a Note due from <i>Joseph and Thomas Cope</i> , paid me this Day, with Interest, in State Notes, per Act of Assembly, <i>August Session, A. D. 1785,</i>	£.31 2 0
Sept. 25.	By Cash received of <i>William Davis, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Newport</i> , for the Fine of <i>Thomas Dyer</i> , with Costs of Prosecution, pursuant to the Sentence of the Superior Court, held in <i>Newport, at August Term, A. D. 1794,</i>	
1795.	By Cash received of <i>Oliver Durfee, Esq.</i>	£3 10 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Feb. 14.	for the Fine of <i>John M'Dermontoro</i> , convicted of Theft,	0 6 0
May 8.	By Cash received of Doctor <i>Cyril Carpenter</i> , for a Note of Hand, with the Interest thereon, together with one Year's Interest on Three more Notes, due <i>March 1st, A. D. 1795,</i>	55 3 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
June 20.	By Cash received of <i>Nebemiah Knight, Sheriff of the County of Providence</i> , in full for an execution against <i>John Sayles</i> , formerly Collector of the Interest Bonds for the said County, £. 2495 13 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the Bills of Credit, equal, at 15 for 1, to,	166 7 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
July 21.	By Cash received of <i>David Howell</i> , as Attorney on Record, by the Hands of <i>Zeb. Farnum</i> , for a Judgment recovered against <i>John Sayles</i> , and <i>Andrew Waterman</i> , late Trustees for the Town of <i>Smithfield</i> , for loaning the Bills of Credit emitted in <i>May, A. D. 1786,</i>	165 1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Aug. 22.	By Cash received of <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Commissioner of Loans, for a Grant made by the <i>United States</i> for the Support, in Part, of the French Emigrants in this State from <i>St. Domingo</i> ,	180 0 0
Sept. 3.	By Cash received of <i>Jonathan Gorton</i> , late Collector of the Interest Bonds for the County of <i>Kent</i> , £.923 18, in the Bills of Credit, equal, at 15 for 1, to,	61 11 10
Oct. 7.	By Cash paid by <i>James Fenner</i> , late Collector of the Interest Bonds for the County of <i>Providence</i> , in full, £.769 7 2, in the Bills of Credit, equal, at 15 for 1, to,	51 5 9
	By Cash received for Interest due on <i>June State Tax, A. D. 1793</i> , from the following Towns, whose Accounts for the said Tax were unsettled at the Audit in <i>June, A. D. 1794</i> , to wit:	

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<i>New-Scorham, 9/5, Smithfield, £.1 1 11,</i>	<i>Foster, 3/5,</i>	<i>South-Kingstown, £.6 7, Charlestown, £.3 2 2, Hopkinton, £.1 8, Exeter, £.2 11,</i>	<i>East-Greenwich, £.3 7 7, West-Greenwich, £.2 14 1,</i>	<i>By a State Tax ordered by the General-Assembly, at October Session, A.D. 1794,</i>	<i>By Interest received of the following Towns on the said Tax of £.6000, to wit:</i>	<i>Newport, 14/11, Portsmouth, £.1 8 4, Jamestown, 7/5, Middletown, 8/10, Tiverton, £.1 16, Little-Compton, 16/7, New-Scorham, 8/8, Providence, £.11 11 11, Smithfield, £.1 18 8, Gloucester, £.5 13. 10, Cumberland, £.2 18 2, Cranston, £.3 17 8, Johnston, 2/5, North-Providence, 3/2, Foster, 6/7, Westerly, £.2, North-Kingstown, £.2 0 7, South-Kingstown, £.13 15 3. Charlstown, £.3 4 4, Hopkinton, £.2 3 10, Exeter, £.1 5 1, Warren, 7/8, Barrington, 10d, Warwick, £.1 19 7, East-Greenwich, 3/10, West-Greenwich, £.2,</i>	<i>£.1 14 9</i>
	<i>2 2, Hopkinton, £.1 8, Exeter, £.2 11,</i>	<i>East-Greenwich, £.3 7 7, West-Greenwich, £.2 14 1,</i>	<i>By a State Tax ordered by the General-Assembly, at October Session, A.D. 1794,</i>	<i>By Interest received of the following Towns on the said Tax of £.6000, to wit:</i>	<i>Newport, 14/11, Portsmouth, £.1 8 4, Jamestown, 7/5, Middletown, 8/10, Tiverton, £.1 16, Little-Compton, 16/7, New-Scorham, 8/8, Providence, £.11 11 11, Smithfield, £.1 18 8, Gloucester, £.5 13. 10, Cumberland, £.2 18 2, Cranston, £.3 17 8, Johnston, 2/5, North-Providence, 3/2, Foster, 6/7, Westerly, £.2, North-Kingstown, £.2 0 7, South-Kingstown, £.13 15 3. Charlstown, £.3 4 4, Hopkinton, £.2 3 10, Exeter, £.1 5 1, Warren, 7/8, Barrington, 10d, Warwick, £.1 19 7, East-Greenwich, 3/10, West-Greenwich, £.2,</i>	<i>13 8 2</i>	
	<i>6000 0 0</i>	<i>6 1 8</i>	<i>6000 0 0</i>	<i>6 0 4</i>	<i>6 0 4</i>	<i>26 12 0</i>	<i>26 12 0</i>
	<i>6 0 4</i>	<i>4 3 5</i>	<i>4 3 5</i>	<i>4 3 5</i>	<i>4 3 5</i>	<i>0 8 6</i>	<i>0 8 6</i>
	<i>£.7386 15 7</i>	<i>£.7386 15 7</i>	<i>£.7386 15 7</i>	<i>£.7386 15 7</i>	<i>£.7386 15 7</i>	<i>£.7386 15 7</i>	<i>£.7386 15 7</i>

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, at last October Session, we have carefully examined the above Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and do report, that we find a Balance due to the State of Five Thousand One Hundred and Six Dollars and Eighty-seven Cents. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSS,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

Newport, Jan. 29, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

Report upon WHEREAS the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Gen. Treasurer's the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following Account for Statement of an Account, and Report thereon, to wit:
Paper Money lodged for Tenders.

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Dr. The State of Rhode-Island's Account, for old Continental Money, State Paper, &c. lodged for Tenders, with *Henry Sherburne*, General-Treasurer.

1796, } To Balance due to the State in my }
Jan. 29. } Hands, as entered on the Credit } £. 6813 14 10½
Side of this Account, _____

Creditor.

1794, } By Balance now in the Treasury, }
June 6. } per this Day's Adjustment, } £. 6813 14 10½

ACREABLY to our appointment, at last October Session, we have examined the above stated Account, and report, that the Sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, lawful Money, is now in the Treasury, being the same Sum that was reported at the last Audit. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSS,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following Statement of an Account, and Report thereon, *to wit* :

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island's Account, for the Interest upon the funded Stock, with *Henry Sherburne*, in his private Capacity.

1794, } To Cash paid to *George Champlin*, } £. 240 0 0
June 18. } per Act of Assembly, }
1796, } Balance due to the State, which is car- }
Jan. 29. }ried to the Credit of the new Specie } 286 13 4½
Account, this Day settled, _____

Report upon
the Account
of *H. Sher-
burne*, for
Interest on
funded
Stock.

£. 526 13 4½

Creditor.

1794, } By Balance of Account, this Day } £. 236 7 10½
June 6, } settled, }
July 3. } By Cash received of *Zabell Bowen*, for }
One Quarter's Interest, due June 30th, } 96 15 2
A. D. 1794,
Oct. 4. } By ditto, due September 30th, A. D. 1794, 96 15 2
1795, } By ditto, due January 1st, A. D. 1795, 96 15 2
Jan. 2. _____

£. 526 13 4½

AGREEABLY

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AGREEABLY to our Appointment, at last October Session, we have examined the above stated Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and report, that we find the Credit is entered right, and that the Balance due thereon of *Two Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*, lawful Money, equal to *Nine Hundred and Fifty-five Dollars and Fifty-six Cents*, is carried to the Credit of the State in their new Specie Account, and there entered this Day. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSS,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

Newport, Jan. 29, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

Report upon the Gen. Treasurer's Continental Paper Money Account. WHEREAS the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following Statement of an Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island's Account, for the Emission of Paper-Money ordered by Congress, March, A. D. 1780, with *Henry Sherburne*, General-Treasurer.

1796, } To Balance due to the State in my Jan. 29, } Hands, as entered on the Cred. } £. 19254 18 4½ it Side of this Account

Creditor.

1794, } By Balance now in the Treasury, } £. 19254 18 4½ June 6, } per Account this Day settled,

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, at last October Session, we have examined the above stated Account, and report, that the Sum of *Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*, lawful Money, is now in the Treasury, being the same Sum that was reported at the last Audit. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSS,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

Newport, Jan. 29, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

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WHEREAS the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following Statement of an Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island's* Account, for the Bills of Credit emitted in May, A. D. 1786, lodged in the Treasury for Tenders, with *Henry Sherburne*, General-Treasurer.

To Cash paid divers Persons, as per }
Book No. 1, Pages 6 and 21, }
from Vouchers No. 1 to 19, in- }
clusive, } £. 2175 19 3
1796, } Balance now remaining in the Tre- }
Jan. 29. } asury, } 8257 17 10
£. 10433 17 1

Creditor.

1794, } By Balance now in the Treasury } £. 10433 17 1
June 6. } per this Day's Adjustment, }

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, at last October Session, we have carefully examined the above Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and report, that the Sum of *Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ten Pence* is now in the Treasury. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSE, } Committee.
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER,

Newport, Jan. 29, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following Statement of an Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island's* Account with *Henry Sherburne*, in his private Capacity, and as General-Treasurer, for the funded Stock he held in Trust, being the Property of the State aforesaid, signed by *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. Continental Loan Officer in the said State.

1794, } Six per Cent. Stock.
April 10. }
To a Transfer made of Six per Cent. Stock to *John Brown*, Treasurer of *Rhode-Island College*, per Act of Assembly, passed at February Session, A. D. 1794, } 3460 77
in full for the Balance of a Note due from the State } to the Corporation of the said College, }
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Report of
the Bills of
Credit of
this State
lodged for
Tenders.

Report upon
the funded
Stock,

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To a Certificate received of *Jabez Bowen*, Commissioner of Loans, dated April 1st, A. D. 1794, credited the State on the opposite Side, Dolls. Cts. } 18578 74

Dolls. 22039 51

1795, } Aug 24. Six per Cent. Stock, Dolls. Cts.

To a Power of Attorney executed this Day, by Order of the Legislature, at the Session held in June, A. D. 1795, transferring the Stock held by this State against the United States, in the Office of *Jabez Bowen*, Commissioner of Loans, to the Creditors of the said State. } 218,528 30

1795 } Aug. 24. Detracted Stock. Dolls. Cts.

To a Power of Attorney executed this Day, by Order of the Legislature, at the Session held in June, A. D. 1795, transferring the Stock held by this State against the United States, in the Office of *Jabez Bowen*, Commissioner of Loans, to the Creditors of the said State, } 111,103 56

1795, } Aug. 24. Three per Cent. Stock. Dolls. Cts.

To a Power of Attorney executed this Day, by Order of the Legislature, at the Session held in June, A. D. 1795, transferring the Stock held by this State against the United States, in the Office of *Jabez Bowen*, Commissioner of Loans, to the Creditors of the said State, } 65,353 23

Creditor.

1792, } Nov. 10. Six per Cent. Stock. Dolls. Cts.

By 3 Certificates bearing an Interest of 6 per Cent. from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1791, received of *George Champlin, Robert N. Auchmuty, and Christopher Fowler*, the State's Committee, which were by Order of the General Assembly, at the Session held in October, A. D. 1792, transferred from the Name of the late *Joseph Clarke, Esq.* to *Henry Sherburne*, on the Books of *Jabez Bowen*, Commissioner of Loans, } 22,039 51

1794,

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		Six per Cent. Stock.
		Dolls. Cts.
1794, Dated March 10.	By a Certificate bearing Interest from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1791, at 6 per Cent. of the Certificates loaned in Philadelphia, by Francis Malbone, and transferred to the Books of Jabez Bowen, Commis- sioner of Loans, in the Name of Henry Sherburne,	208 89
1794, Dated April 1.	By 1 Certificate bearing Interest from April 1st, A. D. 1794, at 6 per Cent., received of Jabez Bowen, for the Bal- ance due to this State, after deducting the Transfer made to John Brown,	18,578 74
1794, Dated Nov. 21.	By 1 Certificate bearing Interest from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1795, at 6 per Cent. being Part of the Balance found due to this State from the United States, upon a Settlement of Accounts,	199,740 67
		Dolls. 218,528 30

		Deferred Stock.
		Dolls. Cts.
1792, Nov. 10.	By 3 Certificates bearing an Interest of 6 per Cent. from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1801, received of George Champlin, Robert N. Auchmuty, and Christopher Fowler, the State's Committee, which were by Or- der of the Legislature, at the Session held in October, A. D. 1792, trans- ferred from the Name of the late Joseph Clarke, Esq. to Henry Sherburne, on the Books of Jabez Bowen, Commisioner of Loans,	11,128 88
1794, Dated March 10.	By 1 Certificate bearing an Interest of 6 per Cent. from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1801, of the Certificates loaned in Phila- delphia, by Francis Malbone, and transferred to the Books of Jabez Bowen, Commisioner of Loans, in the Name of Henry Sherburne,	104 44
1794, Dated Nov. 21.	By 1 Certificate bearing an Interest of 6 per Cent. from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1801, being Part of the Balance found due to this State from the United States, upon the Settlement of Accounts,	99,870 33
		Dolls. 111,103 65

1792,

February, 1796.

		Three per Cent. Stock.
		Dolls. Cu.
1792, } Nov. 10. }	By 2 Certificates, bearing an Interest of 3 per Cent. from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1791, received of George Champlin, Robert N. Auchmuty, and Christopher Fowler, the State's Committee, which were by Order of the General Assembly, at the Session held in October, A. D. 1792, transferred from the Name of the late Joseph Clarke, Esq. to Henry Sherburne, on the Books of Jabez Bowen, Commissioner of Loans,	5,202 37
1794, } Dated March 10. }	By 1 Certificate, bearing an Interest of 3 per Cent. from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1791, of the Certificates loaned in Philadelphia, by Francis Malbone, and transferred to the Books of Jabez Bowen, Commissioner of Loans, in the Name of Henry Sherburne,	228 66
1794, } Dated Nov. 21. }	By 1 Certificate bearing an Interest of 3 per Cent. from Jan. 1st, A. D. 1795, being Part of the Balance found due to this State from the United States, upon the Settlement of Accounts,	59,922 20
		Dolls. 65,353 23

AGREEABLY to our appointment, at last October Session, we have examined the Statement of the above Account, and compared the same with the Books of Jabez Bowen, Esq. Commissioner of Loans, and report, that the Transfer of the Stock to the Creditors of this State, and the Entries of the Credit, exactly correspond with the Books of the said Jabez Bowen. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSS,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

Newport, Jan. 29th, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

WHEREAS The Beneficent Congregational Society, in the Town of Providence, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, and represented that, by Reason of the great Alteration made by the Public in the Street opposite to their Meeting House, the Tower and Foundation thereof are in imminent Danger of being soon undermined, and it is become absolutely necessary that Something be immediately done to secure the same: That to put the Lot whereon the said

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granted to
The Benefi-
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said Meeting-House stands in decent and convenient Order, and to finish the Inside thereof, will require considerable Sums of Money: That since their Incorporation they have been at great Expences in putting a new Roof on the said House, and in other Repairs thereon, as well as in the supporting of public Worship: And that they are unable, without some Assistance, to complete the same: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars*, to be applied to the securing the Foundation and Tower of the said Meeting-House, to putting the said Lot into decent and convenient Order, to finishing the Inside of the said House, and to such other Purposes in and about the said House and Lot as shall be necessary:

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted: That the said Society be empowered to appoint Directors of the said Lottery: And that the Directors so appointed, upon giving Bond to the General-Treasurer, with sufficient Surety, for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in them, shall be fully authorized to set forth and complete the said Lottery, upon such Scheme, and in one or more Classes, as they shall think most conducive to answer the End proposed.

WHEREAS *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. Commissioner of Loans in this State, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, amounting to *One Hundred and Fifty-two Dollars*, by him charged against the State, for Cash paid by him to additional Clerks to assist in transferring the Debt due to this State from the United States to the individual Creditors of this State: Which was by the House of Representatives referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, *to wit*:

We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee on the within Account, beg Leave to report, that, by the Documents presented to us by the said *Jabez Bowen*, it appears he hath paid the said Sum from his own private Property, in order to facilitate the said Transfer, and for which he can receive no Compensation but from the General Assembly; and that, in our Opinion, he ought to be reimbursed out of the General Treasury. Which is submitted by

JOHN HANDY,
SIMEON MARTIN,
SAMUEL WARDWELL, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty-two Dollars* be paid to the said *Jabez Bowen*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

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10 D. 67 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Ten Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *William Knapp*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services on board the *Lark*, a Guard-Boat employed by the State, on Account of the contagious Distemper prevailing in *New-York*.

18 D. 67 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Elijah Knapp*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Hire of his Boat *Lark*, employed by the State as a Guard-Boat, on Account of the contagious Distemper prevailing in *New-York*, and for his Services on board her.

18 D. 67 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *William Strengthfield*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services on board the Guard-Boat *Lark*, which was employed by the State, on Account of the contagious Distemper prevailing in *New-York*.

7 D. 12 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Dollars and Twelve Cents* be allowed and paid to *George Champlin*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for necessary Cloathing supplied *Carey Parker*, a poor Prisoner in the Gaol in *Newport*, committed at the Suit of the State.

18 D. 8 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighteen Dollars and Eight Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol in *Newport*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Prison Fees, and Support of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

69 D. 84 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Sixty-nine Dollars and Eighty-four Cents* be allowed and paid to *Christopher Olney*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, from *February*, A. D. 1792, to the present Time, for Paper delivered to the Secretary to print the Schedules upon, and for other public Uses.

C. Parker to be sent a Voyage to Sea. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be, and he is hereby directed, and authorized, to contract, on the best Terms he can, with the Owner, or Captain, of any Vessel bound to any Port of the World, beyond the *Cape of Good Hope*, to take *Carey Parker*, now a poor Prisoner in the Gaol in the said County, committed, at the Suit of the State, for a criminal Offence, as

a Hand, or Seaman, on board such Vessel: That the Captain of such Vessel be authorized to take him in such Capacity for such Voyage: That the said Sheriff receive the Advance-Wages of the said *Carey Parker*, and apply the Whole, or such Part of them as shall be necessary, in the most frugal Manner, to equip him properly for the Voyage: That upon the Return of the said *Carey Parker*, the Sheriff of the said County, and all other Peace Officers in the State, be authorized and directed to commit and confine him in Gaol, until the further Order of this Assembly: And that the said Sheriff receive the Balance of such Wages, and pay the same to the said *Carey Parker*, first deducting therefrom the Expences of his Conviction, Confinement, Support, and Cloathing: *Provided nevertheless*, That the said *Carey Parker* shall give his voluntary Consent to enter on board such Vessel as aforesaid, otherwise this Act shall be void.

An ACT to incorporate the Persons therein named, for the Purpose of opening a navigable Canal from the navigable Waters near the Town of *Providence*, through the County of *Worcester*, to some Part of *Connecticut* River.

WHEREAS the Establishment of a navigable Canal from the navigable Waters near the Town of *Providence*, through the County of *Worcester*, to some Part of *Connecticut* River, will greatly promote the Trade, Agriculture, and Manufactures of this State, as well as of the interior Country adjacent, by facilitating the Means of Transportation: And whereas Messieurs *John Brown, Welcome Arnold, John I. Clark, Joseph Nightingale, Nicholas Brown, Thomas L. Halsey, Thomas P. Ives, Aza Arnold, Thomas Arnold, Richardson Jackson, Andrew Dexter, Jabez Bowen, Moses Lippitt, William S. Brown, Stephen Dexter, Samuel Mc. Clellan, Richard Jackson, jun. William Jones, Lewis Peck, Edward Thurber, William Larned, William Holroyd, Samuel Butler, Joseph Peck, Darius Sessions, Zachariah Allen, Amos Throop, Benjamin Stelle, Comfort Wbeaton, Samuel Young, James Pitcker, Natbaniel Smith, Jonatban Fuller, Philip Robinson, John Stone, John Holden, Robert Taylor, jun. Jonathan Treadwell, William Allen, Amos Horton, Rufus Waterman, Natban Angell, Natban Angell, jun. Samuel Thurber, jun. Obediah Brown (Son of Moses) William Wilkinson, Abner Dagget, Benjamin Smith, Natban Waterman, Moses Brown, Olney Winsor, John Howland, James Burrill, Isaac Pitman, Wbeeler Martin, Jeremiah F. Jenkins, Enos Hiscock, Jeremiah Olney, Simeon Thayer, Richard Arnold, Jeremiah B. Howell, Henry Smith, George Benson, Cyprian Sterry, and Caleb Harris, have petitioned this General Assembly to incorporate them, together with such others as may be hereafter associated with them, for the Purpose of making and maintaining the said Canal:*

Act for
opening a
Canal to
Connecticut
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BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said John Browne, Welcome Arnold, John I. Clark, Joseph Nightingale, Nicholas Brown, Thomas L. Halsey, Thomas P. Ives, Aza Arnold, Thomas Arnold, Richard Jackson, Andrew Dexter, Jabez Bowen, Moses Lippitt, William S. Brown, Stephen Dexter, Samuel Mc. Clellan, Richard Jackson, jun. William Jones, Lewis Peck, Edward Thurber, William Larned, William Hobroyd, Samuel Butler, Joseph Peck, Darius Sessions, Zachariah Allen, Anos Throop, Benjamin Stelle, Comfort Wheaton, Samuel Young, James Pitcher, Nathaniel Smith, Jonathan Fuller, Philip Robinson, John Stone, John Holden, Robert Taylor, jun. Jonathan Treadwell, William Allen, Amos Horton, Rufus Waterman, Nathan Angell, Nathan Angell, jun. Samuel Thurber, jun. Obadiah Brown (Son of Moses) William Wilkinson, Abner Dagget, Benjamin Smith, Nathan Waterman, Moses Brown, Olney Winsor, John Howland, James Burritt, Isaac Pitman, Wheeler Martin, Jeremiah F. Jenkins, Enos Hitchcock, Jeremiah Olney, Simeon Thayer, Richard Arnold, Jeremiah B. Howell, Henry Smith, George Benson, Cyprian Sterry, and Caleb Harris, with such others as may be hereafter associated with them for the Purpose aforesaid, in Manner as is hereinafter prescribed, or such and so many of them as shall subscribe towards the Establishment of the said Canal, in Manner as is hereinafter mentioned, their Successors and Assigns, shall be, and are hereby, created a Body politic and corporate by the Name and Style of *The Proprietors of the Providence-Plantations Canal*; and by that Name may sue and be sued to final Judgment and Execution, and do and suffer all Matters, Acts and Things which Bodies politic may or ought to do or suffer. And the said Corporation shall and may have and use a common Seal, and the same may break or alter at Pleasure: And may make and establish such Rules and By-Laws as to them shall seem necessary, or convenient, for the Regulation and Government of the said Corporation, for carrying into Effect the Purpose aforesaid; and the same Rules or By-Laws, may cause to be executed; and may annex Penalties to the Breach thereof, not-exceeding Ten Dollars: Provided, The said Rules and By-Laws are not repugnant to the Law of the Land.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the above named Persons, with the others who shall be associated with them as aforesaid, shall and may, after the passing of this Act, cause Subscriptions to be opened for the Purposes aforesaid, by Shares of One Hundred Dollars each, under such Regulations, and for such Amount, as they shall judge proper; that the same be kept open until the Money requisite for the Completion of the Canal aforesaid shall be subscribed: That the Subscribers shall be Proprietors of the said Canal, and Members of the said Corporation: That the said abovenamed Persons, with their said Associates, or any Seven of them, shall and may, within Six Months from the passing of this Act, by Advertisement in one of the *Providence* Newspapers, call a Meeting of the said Proprietors, to be holden in

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in the Town of *Providence* in not less than Twenty Days after the First Publication ; at which Meeting shall be elected, by the Votes of the Majority of the Proprietors then present, in Person, or by Proxy (all Representations, at any Meeting of the said Corporation, to be proved by Writing signed by the Person to be represented, which shall be filed by the Secretary) allowing one Vote to a Share, a Board of Directors, consisting of Nine Proprietors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other Officers as they may judge necessary ; that the said Board of Directors shall appoint One of their Number President ; which said Officers shall continue in Office until the First Monday in January, A. D. 1797 : And that on the First Monday in January, annually, forever hereafter, the said Proprietors shall hold a Meeting, in the Town of *Providence*, for the Election of Officers in Manner as before prescribed, and for the Transaction of other Business ; which Meeting, or any special Meeting, called agreeably to this Act, may adjourn at their Pleasure : *Provided nevertheless*, That the President and any Two of the Board of Directors, or any Five Members of the said Board, may call a special Meeting of the Proprietors, by Advertisement in One of the *Providence* Newspapers, whenever they may think it expedient, to be holden, in the said Town of *Providence*, in not less than Ten Days after the Publication of such Advertisement : *And provided also*, That if from any Cause the annual Meeting aforesaid should not be holden on the Day herein appointed, or the Officers aforesaid should not on that Day be elected, the Franchises of the said Corporation shall not be thereby forfeited, but the said Officers may be elected at any special meeting thereafter ; and the Officers of the preceding Year shall hold and execute their respective Offices until the Appointment of their Successors : *And provided moreover*, That Proprietors holding One Fifth Part of all the Shares, in Person, or by Representation, shall be necessary to constitute a Quorum for doing Business in any Proprietor's Meeting.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, before entering on the Duties of their respective Offices, shall take an Engagement to the faithful Execution of their respective Offices.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Majority of the said Directors shall constitute a Quorum for doing Business : And that the Board of Directors shall have full Power and Authority to appoint the Times and Places of their own Meetings, and the same to adjourn at their Pleasure, and to carry into Execution the Powers granted by this Charter to the said Corporation, by such Ways and Means as they may judge proper, subject to the Laws of the Land, and to the Votes, Orders and By-Laws of the Proprietors, passed at any of their legal Meetings.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Shares of the said Proprietors shall and may be transferred by Bills of Sale thereof, to be recorded by the Secretary in a Book to be kept

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for that Purpose: That the said Shares be, to all Intents and Purposes, personal Estate, and shall and may be liable to be attached for the Debts of the respective Proprietors thereof, in the same Cases and Manner in which personal Estate can or may by Law be attached; and that the Officer making such Attachment shall leave a Certificate thereof with the Secretary of the said Corporation, at the Time of making such Attachment, or otherwise such Attachment shall be void.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary of the said Corporation shall keep regular Journals and Books, in which this Act, and all Rules, Regulations, By-Laws and Proceedings of the said Corporation, and Board of Directors, of which he shall always be One, shall be fairly recorded; which Books shall be admitted as Evidence in all Places and Courts whatsoever.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Subscriber shall neglect to pay, or cause to be paid, to the said Corporation, or to their Treasurer, or to a Committee for that Purpose appointed, any Sum or Sums of Money which, by the Terms of his Subscription, shall at any Time be due and payable, at the Time or Times when the same ought to have been paid, such Subscriber shall forfeit to the said Corporation any and all such Share or Shares on which he shall be so delinquent, with all Payments which may have been made thereon, and shall thenceforth, so far as shall respect the Share or Shares on which he shall be so delinquent, cease to be a Member of the said Corporation; and the Share or Shares, so forfeited, shall and may be sold or disposed of as the said Corporation shall think expedient.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Proprietors be, and they are hereby, empowered and authorized, exclusively, to open, establish, and maintain a navigable Canal, from the navigable Waters near the Town of Providence, towards the County of Worcester, as far as until the same shall intersect the Boundary Line of this State, to the End that the same may communicate with a Canal to be opened from thence, through the County of Worcester, to some Part of Connecticut River, under Authority to be granted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: And also to open, establish and maintain any Branch, or Branches, from the said Canal to communicate with any other Place, or Places, in this State: And for the Purposes aforesaid to take, hold, use and possess, exclusively, in Fee Simple, or otherwise, any Lands, Waters, Water-Courses, or other Estate, or Property, which may be necessary to complete the said Canal; the said Corporation making Compensation therefor as is herein after directed: *Provided*, The Lands so taken shall not exceed in Width, in any Part thereof, One Hundred Feet, including Towing-Paths; unless the said Corporation and the Proprietors of the said Land shall otherways agree.*

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*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the said Corporation, or their Board of Directors, or other Agents, and the Owner, or Owners, of such Lands, Waters, Water-Courses, Streams, Mills, Mill-Dams, or other Property, or Estate, which may be necessary for the Purpose aforesaid, cannot agree upon the Compensation which ought to be made for the same, nor upon any suitable Person, or Persons, to appraise the same, the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. within and for this State shall be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered, at any of their Terms within the State; upon the Application of either Party, to appoint Three disinterested Freeholders within the County where such Estate may lie, as a Committee to appraise the same, who shall be sworn to the faithful and impartial Discharge of their Trust. And the said Committee shall proceed to appraise the same accordingly, upon the same Principles as private Property is appraised when taken for Highways, and make Report, under their Hands and Seals, of their Proceedings to the said Court; which Report being accepted by the said Court shall be final between the Parties, and shall vest the Estate so appraised in the said Corporation: Provided nevertheless, That if either of the Parties aforesaid shall be dissatisfied with the Report of the said Committee, the Party so dissatisfied may make Application to the said Court for a Trial by Jury, and shall give Bond to pay all Costs that may be awarded against such Party; whereupon the said Court shall issue a Writ of *Venire facias* to the Sheriff of the said County, or in Case of his Inability or Interestedness, to any other Person disinterested in, and indifferent to, the Matter in Question, who shall summon a Jury to try the Question in Controversy between the said Parties; unless the said Parties shall mutually agree to the Appointment of another Committee for that Purpose: And the Jury or Committee last mentioned, being duly sworn or affirmed shall have Power and Authority to allow such Compensation and Damages as shall appear to them just and equitable, taking into Consideration all Advantages and Disadvantages that may ensue to such Owner or Owners, by taking and appropriating their Property as aforesaid; and their Verdict or Report shall be final and conclusive between the Parties: And in Case the Verdict or Report last mentioned shall be more favourable to the Party making Application for such new Trial than the Report of the First Committee, the Party so applying shall recover his Costs, and if the same shall not be more favourable to the Party so applying he shall pay Costs to the adverse Party. And the Court shall and may in both Cases make up Judgment agreeably to the Verdict of the Jury, or Report of the Committee last mentioned, so far as respects Damages, with or without a Deduction of Costs therefrom, as the Case may require, and issue Execution accordingly; which Execution when issued against the said Corporation shall and may be levied on the President, or Treasurer, of the said Corporation.*

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the Land, or other Property, or Estate, belonging to Infants, Fem-
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Femme-Covets, or Persons non compos Mētis, shall be taken and appropriated for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid, the Husbands of such Femme-Covets, and the Guardians of such Infants, or Persons non compos Mētis, may execute any Deeds, enter into any Contracts, or do any other Matter or Thing respecting such Lands, or other Property, or Estate, to be taken and appropriated as aforesaid, as they might do if the same were holden in their own Rights respectively.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Superior Court, upon the Application of the Town-Council of any Town, or the Owners of any Land through which the said Canal may pass, shall and may appoint Three disinterested and judicious Freeholders of the same County where the Estate lies, who shall, after being duly engaged to the Discharge of their Trust, and hearing the Parties, determine what Bridge or Bridges shall be erected across the said Canal, for the Accommodation of the Public, where the same shall pass through or over any Highway or Highways, or for the Accommodation of Individuals whose Lands may be divided by the said Canal, and also to determine upon the Amount of Damage which may be done to the Land or Estate of any Person or Persons, by overflowing the same, or otherwise. And in Case such Bridge or Bridges shall not be erected within such Time, or in such Manner, as shall be directed by such Freeholders last mentioned; provided their Report shall be accepted by the said Court, the said Corporation may be prosecuted by the Public, by Way of Indictment, or by such Person or Persons as may be injured thereby, by an Action of the Cale.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to demand, take and receive by their Officers and Agents, at such Places, and in such Time and Manner, as they, or their Board of Directors, shall appoint, for the sole Use and Benefit of the said Corporation the Rates and Tolls following for Transportation on the said Canal, to wit: For every Ton in Weight, or by Measure in Feet, not more than Nine Cents per Mile, for each Mile according to the Course of the said Canal, or in the same Proportion for a larger Quantity, or smaller Quantity not less than One Quarter of a Ton, exclusive of Toll for passing the Locks in the said Canal; which Toll last aforesaid may be hereafter regulated by this Assembly; and for all Quantities or Articles of less than One Quarter of a Ton such Tolls as shall be established by the said Corporation, or their Board of Directors.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as soon as the said Proprietors shall have finished any Part or Proportion of the said Canal, equal to Six Miles in Length, they shall be entitled to receive the Tolls aforesaid, at the Rates aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Proprietors shall receive the said Tolls, and enjoy the Emoluments

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ments of the said Canal, together with the Waters, Streams and Rivers which they shall make Use of for the said Canal, so far as the same shall be necessary, forever. *Provided*, That the General Assembly shall and may at all Times, after the Expiration of Seventy Years from the Completion of the said Canal, alter, regulate and determine the Tolls thereof: And the State shall then be entitled to receive One Quarter Part of the neat Profits thereof forever.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Expiration of Fifteen Years from the Time of passing this Act, if the Corporation hereby created shall not have completed Six Miles at least of the said Canal, the Legislature of this State may, upon the Application of any other Company for the Privileges hereby granted, incorporate such other Company for the Purpose of completing the said Canal.

THE following Report was presented unto this Assembly, *to wit*: Report of the Com. who burnt the Money in Grand Committee's Office.

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, we have received of *Thomas Rumreill, Esq. Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings and Six Pence*, in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State in May, A. D. 1786, and have burnt the same. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.
JOHN L. BOSS,

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

WHEREAS the Committee, appointed by the House of Representatives, to audit the Accounts of Messrs. *Richard Mathewson, and Earl Mowry*, for building the new Gaol in the County of Kent, presented unto this Assembly the following Statement of their Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

Report upon the Account of Mathewson and Mowry for building the Gaol in the County of Kent.

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account current, with Mathewson and Mowry.

1796, } To the Cost of the Materials, and of	Jan. 30. } erecting the new Gaol in the County of Kent, together with the Ex- pence of filling up the Lot, as by a particular Detail of the several	£.1514 19 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 4 6
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We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of Messrs. *Richard Matbewson* and *Earl Mowry*, for building the new Gaol in the County of Kent, do report, that we have carefully examined the same, and find them regularly charged, and rightly cast, with proper Vouchers; and that there is due to the said *Richard Matbewson* and *Earl Mowry* the Balance of One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Two Shillings and Eleven Pence One Farthing, including the said *Richard Matbewson*'s Charge for personal Service, agreeably to the above Statement. Which is submitted by

GEORGE THOMAS,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.
RICHARD JACKSON, jun.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Thousand Two Hundred and Eight Dollars and Eighty-three Cents be paid to the said *Richard Matbewson* and *Earl Mowry*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; the same being the Amount of the aforesaid Balance, exclusive of the Charge for the personal Service of the said *Richard Matbewson*, which is referred for Consideration until the next Session of this Assembly.

Report upon
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The following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

To the Honourable the General Assembly.

The Committee, appointed at the Session held in June, A. D. 1795, to examine into, and make Decision upon, divers State Notes that were offered to be subscribed to the late Loan, supposed to have been obtained from the Office of the late General-Treasurer by fraudulent Means, for Wages, and Depreciation of Wages, due to the Soldiers of the late Continental Army, offer the following Report, that there hath been produced to us clear and incontestible Evidence of Twenty Notes which were obtained by fraudulent Means, and in Lieu thereof the General-Treasurer hath issued new Notes to the Amount of Nine Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds,

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Seven Shillings and Nine Pence, including Interest thereon, and delivered them to the Soldier who performed the Service, or to the Administrators of such as were deceased.

We do further report, that of the Notes lodged in the General-Treasurer's Office Thirteen are among the Number obtained by Fraud, for which new Notes have been issued: We have certified on the Back of the former that they were procured fraudulently; and they are now ready to be returned to the Claimants, on Application at the General-Treasurer's Office. Which is submitted by

HENRY SHERBURNE,
JOHN HANDY,
CHRISTOPHER FOWLER, } Committee.

Newport, Jan. 30th, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition to this Assembly, Petition for a Tide Mill in Warwick referred. praying that John Stafford, Esq. may have Liberty to erect a Tide-Mill, for the grinding of Corn, at or near Opponauge Bridge, in Warwick, be referred to the next Session; and that in the mean Time the Petitioner notify all Persons, who may be interested in the said Petition, by an Advertisement to be inserted Three Weeks successively in one of the Providence Newspapers, of the pending of the aforesaid Petition; and that it stands referred to this Assembly, at the next Session, for Hearing.

WHEREAS Messrs. Joseph Borden, Hope Angell, and Emor Angell who were, by this Assembly, at the Session held in February, A. D. 1791, appointed Directors of a Lottery to raise a Sum of Money to repair the Baptist Meeting-House in the said Town, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that they have completed the said Lottery, made some Repairs on the said Meeting-House, and adjusted their Accounts entirely to the Satisfaction of the Society attending upon public Worship in the said Meeting-House; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to direct the General-Treasurer to deliver up the Bonds by them given as Directors as aforesaid: And the Facts set forth in the said Petition being well ascertained to this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eighteen Dollars and Three Cents 18 D 3 C. be allowed and paid to Richard Smith, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Bristol, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance upon the Court in the said County, for distributing Proclamations, for delivering

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Delivery the Schedules and Commissions to the proper Officers, for repairing the Windows of the State-House in the said County, &c.

Lottery
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the College.

WHEREAS the Corporation of *Rhode-Island College* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and, for various cogent Reasons therein assigned, prayed that the said Corporation may be authorized to raise by Lottery, in One or more Classes, a Sum not exceeding *Twenty-five Thousand Dollars* for the Use of the said College; and that the Managers of such Lottery may be appointed by the said Corporation, who, upon giving Bonds to the General Treasurer of the State, with sufficient Sureties, for the faithful Performance of their Trust, may be empowered to set forth and complete the said Lottery upon such Scheme as they shall judge most conducive to the End proposed: And this Assembly having taken the said Petition into Consideration, and being desirous of encouraging so useful an Institution,

Do Vote and Resolve, and it is hereby Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Corporation, in their said Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby granted.

Resolutions
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of the Presi-
dent.

WHEREAS Attempts have been made to diminish the Confidence of the People in the *United States*, by misrepresenting the Motives which determined him in the Execution of his official Duties, and particularly in his Ratification of the Treaty lately negotiated by *John Jay* with *Great-Britain*, as consented to and advised by the Senate of the *United States*; which Attempts manifestly tend to deprive the President of the well-earned Esteem and Affection of his Fellow-Citizens, the only Reward acceptable to this disinterested Patriot and Father of his Country:

Lest therefore our Sentiments of the President should be deemed equivocal, and to rescue our republican Character from the Imputation of Ingratitude:

Resolved, as the Opinion of this House, That Attempts to lessen the well grounded Confidence of the People in the President of the United States, have a Tendency to injure the Cause of Liberty, by weakening the Influence of one of its principal Defenders; they consequently merit and meet our pointed Disapprobation.

*Resolved, That the same Disinterested Devotion to his Country which characterized *GEORGE WASHINGTON* as Commander in Chief of our Armies, has evidently distinguished him as our Chief Magistrate.*

*Resolved, That, in the Opinion of this House, the President, in ratifying, and the Senate of the United States in consenting to and advising the Ratification of the Treaty lately negotiated by *John Jay* with *Great-Britain*, were actuated by one common Motive—a Regard to the Peace and Prosperity of their Country.*

Resolved,

Resolved, That we conceive it to be our Duty, as the Organ of the People of this State, to declare, THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT CEASED TO DESERVE WELL OF HIS COUNTRY.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Dollars* be allowed and paid to Messrs. *John Handy* and *Christopher Fowler*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Account for their Services on the Committee appointed to ascertain what Notes have been fraudulently obtained from the late General-Treasurer.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Dollars and Thirty-three Cents* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Jeremiah Knight*, jun. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for going Express to the Sheriffs of the Counties of *Washington* and *Kent*, to carry Acts of this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Thirty Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Peleg Arnold*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. during the last Circuit.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ninety-eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Joshua Bicknell*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. during the last Circuit.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifty-one Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Ray Greene*, Esq. One of the Committee for Revising the Laws, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of Cash by him advanced to Clerks, for transcribing the said Revision to be laid before this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Dollars* be allowed and paid to Messrs. *George Champlin*, *John L. Boys*, and *Christopher Fowler*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Account, for their Services in auditing the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, and for burning the Bills of Credit in the Grand Committee's Office.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to Mr. *David Martin*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie,

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cie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for repairing the Windows of the State-House in Providence.

*Job Card al-
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Debt to the
State.*

WHEREAS *Job Card of North-Kingstown, in the County of Washington, Yeoman, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and re-
presented that previous to the Execution issued by the General-
Treasurer being levied on his Estate, the same was under Mortgage
to Peter Phillips, Esq. who hath put the said Mortgage in Suit,
and obtained Judgment thereon: And that he hath now an Op-
portunity of selling Fifty Acres of the said Estate for enough to sat-
isfy the aforesaid Mortgage, and thereby save Thirty Acres of the
best Part of his Farm together with his Dwelling-House, for a Shel-
ter and Support during the small Remainder of his Life: And
thereupon the said Job Card prayed this Assembly to order the said
Execution to be discharged, and his Estate to be exonerated there-
from, upon his pledging the said Thirty Acres of Land and Dwell-
ing-House to secure the Payment of the Debt due to the State,
with Interest:*

Which being duly considered,

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Pe-
tition be granted; and that the Execution now levied on the said
Estate be discharged, upon the said Job Card's executing to the
General-Treasurer, to and for the Use of the State, a Mortgage
Deed of the said Thirty Acres of Land, with the Buildings thereon
standing, free from any Incumbrance, for the Payment of the Amount
of the said Debt, with the Interest thereon, within Five Years from the
Rising of this Assembly; which Interest is to be paid annually.*

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ed E. Bowen.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty Dollars be allowed and
paid to Ebriam Bowen, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie,
or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established
Rate of Exchange; being the Reward to which he is entitled by
Law, for prosecuting to Conviction one Daniel Pendleton, a trans-
ient Person, for stealing his Horse.*

*30 D. 75 C.
allowed
G. Bradford.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty Dollars and Seventy-five
Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. George Bradford, out of the Gen-
eral Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this
State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of
his Account, for attending upon the Superior Court of Judicature,
&c. and the Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Providence,
as Keeper of the Jury.*

*27 D. 58 C.
allowed Carter
and Wilkin-
son.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-seven Dollars and Fifty-
eight Cents be allowed and paid to Messrs. Carter and Wilkinson,
out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit
emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being
the Amount of their Account, for a Book delivered the Sheriff of
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the County of Providence, for a Gaol-Book, and for Printing done for the State to this Time.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty Dollars be allowed and paid to *Jonathan Maxson*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Reward to which he is entitled by Law, for prosecuting to Conviction one *Ezekiel Hall*, for Horse-stealing.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-eight Dollars and Nine-^{28 D. 93 1/2 C.} three Cents and an Half be allowed and paid to Mr. *Nathaniel Phillips* out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for printing the Schedules and other Business for the State, by Direction of the Secretary.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Dollars and Thirty-six ^{12 D. 36 C.} Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. *Nathaniel Phillips*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Printing done for the State, by Direction of the General-Treasurer.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to *Stephen Winsor*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as one of a Committee, appointed by this Assembly, at the Session in *August*, A. D. 1791, to revise a Highway in *Coventry*.

An ACT incorporating a Society, by the Name of *The Scituate Library Company*.

WHEREAS *John Harris*, of *Scituate*, in the County of *Providence*, Esq. hath represented unto this Assembly, that himself and Twenty-four others have associated themselves into a Company, in the said Town of *Scituate*; which they have denominated *The Scituate Library Company*; and that they have subscribed a considerable Sum of Money for the Procurement of a Library of useful Books: And whereas the said Company have made Application to this Assembly for a Charter of Incorporation: And this Assembly, highly approving so laudable a Design, and willing to give it all the Assistance and Encouragement which it justly merits,

Do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That *James Aldrich, Thomas Harris, John Harris, Stephen Harris, John Wilkinson, Amos Turner, Eliba Bowen, jun. Gideon Angell, Charles Angell, Ezekiel Angell, Nathan Angell, John Potter, jun. Eliba Fife, John*

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John Whipple, Oliver Leach, Dean Kimball, Jarvis Kimball, Eliza Mathewson, Thomas Mitchel, Jesse Winsor, Christopher Smith, Levi Seamans, Oliver Harris, George Harris, Stephen Olney, Benjamin Wright, Benjamin Angell, and Edmund T. Waldron, and all others who shall be admitted by them Members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a Body politic and corporate, to subsist at all Times forever hereafter in Deed and Name, by the Name of The Scituate Library-Company; and by that Name shall and may have perpetual Succession, and be Persons able and capable in Law to have, hold, receive and enjoy Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Rents, in Fee simple, or for Term of Life, Lives, Years, or otherwise, not exceeding the Value of Six Thousand Dollars; and also Goods, Chattels and all other Things of what Nature, Kind, or Quality soever, and also to give, grant, let, sell or assign the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, and to do and execute all other Things about the same, by the Name aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That they, and their Successors, by the Name of The Scituate Library-Company, be, and forever hereafter shall be, a Company of Persons able, capable and liable to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all or any of the Courts of Law, or otherwise before any of the Judges, Justices or other Persons whomsoever, in all Manner of Actions, Complaints, or Pleas whatsoever. And it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, and their Successors forever hereafter, to have One Common Seal for their own Use, and the same at their Will and Pleasure, to change and alter.

AND for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said Company, It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, and their Successors, to assemble and meet together on the First Monday in March, in every Year, and at such other Times as they shall think convenient, at their Library, or other suitable Place in the said Town of Scituate: Provided, That due Notice be given, at least Four Days before the Time of their Meeting, if the same be specially called, not only of the Day, Hour and Place of such Meeting, but of the Cause thereof, and the Matters to be transacted therein: And that the said Company, or One Third Part of them at least, being met in Person or by Proxy duly constituted in Writing, shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to make, institute and establish such Laws, Statutes and Orders as shall appear unto them, or the major Part of them present, to be useful and necessary for the Government, Regulation, and Direction of the Company, and of every Member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the Election and Nomination of Officers for the said Company, and for limiting, appointing and defining their Trust and Authority, and for the admitting of new Members; and to do all Things concerning the Government, Estate, Goods and Revenues, and all other

other the Business and Affairs of the said Company: All which Laws, Statutes and Orders, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every Member, and be from Time to Time inviolably observed according to the Tenor and Effect of them; provided they be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

AND, for the easier and better Government of the said Company, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Company, at their said Meeting on the said First Monday in March, shall annually choose Three Directors, a Treasurer and Librarian for the said Company.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of Messrs. *Moses Lippitt, John I. Clarke, Joseph Nigbingale, and George Greene*, Petition for drawing Seines in Warwick Mill-Cove referred. praying for the Privilege of drawing Alewives with Seines in any Part of Warwick Mill-Cove, below the Dam, and upon their own Lands, be referred to the next Session: And that the Petitioners publish a Notification in One of the Providence Newspapers Three Weeks successively that such a Petition is pending, and stands referred to the next Session of this Assembly for Hearing.

WHEREAS *Edward Peterson* hath appeared before this Assembly, and represented that at the Court of Common Pleas held in the County of *Newport*, in *November*, A. D. 1795, Judgment was rendered in Favour of the General-Treasurer, in behalf of the State, against him for *Two Hundred Dollars*, as the Penalty for violating the Law to prevent the spreading of contagious Diseases, with Costs; and that he hath incurred the said Penalty without intentional Violation of the Law: And it appearing to this Assembly that the Fault of the said *Edward Peterson* admits of Extenuation; and that he may be favoured with Equity:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Three Fourth Parts of the Debt of the Judgment aforesaid be remitted; and that the said *Edward Peterson*, upon paying the remaining Fourth Part of the said Penalty, with the Costs which have accrued, into the General Treasury, shall be discharged from the said Judgment.

UPON the Application of the Members of the House of Representatives from the County of *Washington*,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That in all Cases wherein any Town in the aforesaid County of *Washington* shall, in Consequence of the Small-Pox having broken out, in the natural Way, in such Town, or in any Town adjoining thereto, find it expedient to inoculate for the Small-Pox, such Inoculation shall be permitted in One House only in such Town, at the Discretion of the Town Council, as they shall direct: And that all Persons in such Town, having the Small-Pox in any Way, shall be placed therein. Any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

1 D. 9; C. allowed I. Manchester. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Dollar and Ninety-five Cents be allowed and paid to Israel Manchester, a Deputy-Sheriff, and Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Providence, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for supporting James Gray in the said Gaol, who was a poor Criminal convicted at the Suit of the State, and for whipping and selling him at public Vendue.*

13 D. 30 C. allowed I. Manchester. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirteen Dollars and Thirty Cents be allowed and paid to Israel Manchester, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Providence, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of divers poor Persons committed at the Suit of the State.*

3 D. 75 C. allowed J. Danforth. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Dollars and Seventy-five Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Job Danforth, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of the Account of his Son Samuel Danforth, Esq. deceased, for Services as Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c.*

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power to
collect the
Deficiency
of the last
State-Tax.* *WHEREAS Pearce Salbury, Collector of the last State Tax in the Town of Cranston, collected from the Individuals of the said Town the greatest Part of the said Tax, and absconded with the same, leaving on his Tax-Bill about Fifty Dollars unpaid:*

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, at the Request of the aforesaid Town, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to grant a Warrant to such Person as the said Town shall appoint, for collecting the Residue of the said Tax.

*Com. on the
public
Letters.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas G. Hazard, John Harris, George Champlin, John Hardy, and Welcome Arnold, Esq's. be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the public Letters, now lying before this Assembly; and that they make Report as soon as may be.*

*Liberties of
Kent Gaol
established.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Limits of the Liberties of the Gaol-Yard, in the County of Kent, extend on the South to a straight Line running Westerly, from the South-West Corner of the Wharf whereon the said Gaol stands, to the North-East Corner of the House now occupied by Edward Pearce: On the West to a straight Line running from the North-East Corner of the said House improved by Edward Pearce, to the South-East Corner of Simeon Spencer's Shop; thence from the said Shop to the South East Corner of the House of Mrs. Winlow, as the Fence now stands; thence, in a straight Line running Easterly to the South-East Corner of John Glazier's House, and so running by the said House until it intersects a Line drawn Westerly by the South Side of the Wharf*

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Wharf lately owned by *Thomas Aldrich, Esq.* and by the said Wharf to the Edge of the Salt-Water, and so round by the Edge of the Salt-Water until it comes to the Gaol Wharf, and throughout the said Wharf: That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* mark out the said Limits, affix Bounds on the said Lines where necessary, plat the same, and place the Plat in the Clerk's Office of the Court of Common Pleas in the said County: And that this Act shall take Effect and be in Force immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Resignation of *Earl Mowry, E. Mowry's* of the Office of Captain of the First Company of Infantry, in the *Resignation.* Town of *East-Greenwich*, be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Smith, and Charles Lippitt, Esq's.* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive from the Representatives of *Samuel Danforth, Esq.* deceased, late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*, the Seal, Records, Files of Papers, and all other Things appertaining to the said Office, and deliver them to *Joseph Fenner, Esq.* the present Clerk of the said Court, taking his Receipt for the same; that the Receipt given by the said *Samuel Danforth* be cancelled; and that the Receipt given by the present Clerk be deposited in the Secretary's Office.

Com. to delivered the Records of the Superior Court in the County of *Providence* to the present Clerk.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Providence* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented that the Bridge over *Pawtucket River*, called *Whipple's Bridge*, between the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, being on One of the most frequented Roads leading to *Providence*, is so much decayed that it will soon be rendered impassable without imminent Danger: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Four Thousand Dollars*, to be applied to the rebuilding of the said Bridge: And that Messrs. *Simon Whipple, Jason Newell, Jeremias Whipple, jun. and Ebenezer Carpenter*, all of *Cumberland* aforesaid, may be appointed Directors of the said Lottery: Which being duly considered,

Lottery for *Whipple's Bridge.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby granted: That the Directors of the aforesaid Lottery be empowered to set forth the same in one or more Classes, and upon such Scheme as they shall judge most conducive to the End proposed; they giving Bond to the General-Treasurer, with such sufficient Sureties as shall be recommended in Writing by the Town-Council of the said Town of *Cumberland* in the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars*, faithfully to conduct and complete the said Lottery; and to appropriate the Money that shall be raised thereby to the rebuilding of the said Bridge, agreeably to the said Petition.

WHEREAS *Bennett Wheeler, Esq.* late Collector of Excise for the *B. Wheeler* County of *Providence*, represented to this Assembly, that he gave *discharged Bond*

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Bonds as
Collector of
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Bond to the General-Treasurer for the faithful Discharge of the Duties of that Office; that, in Consequence of his Appointment, he took Bonds of divers Persons for the Payment of the Excise he was appointed to collect: That afterwards this Assembly thought proper not to order the said Excise to be collected, but relinquished the same: And that he is desirous to be discharged from the Bond given by him as aforesaid:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to deliver to the said *Bennett Wheeler* the Bond given by him as aforesaid; and that the said *Bennett Wheeler* deliver the Bonds given to him, as Collector as aforesaid, to the respective Persons who gave them.

The Pro-
ceeds of the
old Gaol in
the County
of Kent
to be paid
into the
Gen. Treas-
ury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *William Greene*, *George Tillinghast*, and *Ray Greene*, the Committee, appointed at the last Session, to sell the old Gaol in the County of Kent, after deducting the Expences of the Sale, place the Proceeds thereof in the General Treasury.

*R. Greene to
procure the
Deed of
Kent Gaol
Lot.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ray Greene*, Esq. be, and he is hereby, requested to apply to the Town-Treasurer of *East-Greenwich* for the Deed of the Lot whereon the new Gaol in the said Town stands, agreeably to the Resolve of the said Town in that Behalf: And that the said Deed be made to the General-Treasurer, and to his Successors in that Office, to and for the Use of the State.

*S. Gardner's
Petition re-
ferred to a
Com.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Charles Lippitt*, *William Greene*, and *David Sayles* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to inquire into and examine the Facts stated in the Petition of *Silvester Gardner*, Esq. praying for Relief, on Account of a Judgment obtained against him, as the Head of a Class in *North-Kingstown*, by *Joseph Whitford*, when he enlisted as a Recruit in *Col. Olney's Regiment* in the Year 1781; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Com. to ad-
just the Ac-
counts of the
late Collec-
tors of Im-
poll.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Richard Jackson*, jun. *Daniel Updike*, and *Joseph Rice* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq. and Mr. *John Wanton*, who were the Collectors of the Customs in this State before the Adoption of the Constitution of the United States; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Members of
the State's
Com. allow-
ed 100 D.
each on Ac-
count.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That each Member of the State's Committee, appointed to make a general Estimate of rateable Property, be empowered to draw the further Sum of *One Hundred Dollars* out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, towards their Services; and that they account for the same.

**An ACT in Addition to, and Amendment of, the
Act entitled "An Act to organize the Militia
of this State."**

WHHEREAS the Tenth Section of the Act entitled "An Act to organize the Militia of this State," hath by Experience been found inadequate to the Purposes for which it was intended: Amend-
ment to the
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izing the
Militia.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said Section be repealed: And that the following be substituted in Lieu thereof, and shall become a Part of the said Act, as the Tenth Section thereof, to wit:

SECTION X. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Sergeant or Corporal, who shall neglect to warn the Men to appear at every Rendezvous mentioned in this Act, when thereunto required as aforesaid, without sufficient Excuse, shall forfeit the Sum of *Two Dollars*: That every non-commisioned Officer, or Private, who shall neglect to appear at the Regimental Rendezvous, shall forfeit *One Dollar and Fifty Cents*, and for every Day he shall neglect to appear at the Company-Parade, he shall forfeit *One Dollar*; and if he shall not be armed and equipped according to the said Act of Congress, when so appearing, without sufficient Excuse, he shall for appearing without a Gun, forfeit *Twenty-five Cents*, without a Bayonet and Belt *Eight Cents*, without a Cartouch-Box and Cartridges *Eight Cents*, without a Knap-sack *Four Cents*, and without Flints, Priming-wire, and Brush *Four Cents*: *Provided always*, That none of the Fines aforesaid, nor any other except those mentioned in the Sixteenth Section of this Act, shall be levied on any Delinquent until after the Expiration of Ten Days from the Time of such Delinquency, nor then, if the Town-Councils of the respective Towns to which such Delinquents may belong shall have determined that such Delinquents are unable to provide themselves with Arms: That the Captain or commanding Officer of the Company, shall make a List of all such Fines as he shall determine to be proper to be exacted; which List, with the Delinquents Names, and the Nature of such Delinquency, he shall return to some one Justice of the Peace in the Town where such Delinquent resides; which Justice shall thereupon issue his Warrant of Distress, directed to the Town Sergeant or Constable, requiring him to levy such Fines on the Goods and Chattels of such Delinquents, and for Want thereof, by Imprisonment, until such Fines and Costs shall be paid: That in Case such Defaulter shall live with his Father or Mother, or shall be an Apprentice or indented Servant, the Master, or Mistress, Father or Mother (as the Case may be) shall be liable to pay such Fines with Costs; in Default of which Payment the Officer shall levy the same upon the Goods and Chattels of the said Father or Mother, Master or Mistress; and the Money so collected by such Justice shall be returned to the said Captain, or commanding Officer, within Thirty Days, to be appropriated as the said

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Town-Council may direct : And that a Sum, not exceeding One Dollar per Day, be allowed the Sergeant, or Corporal, for warning the Company to which he belongs ; which Sum shall be paid by the Captain, out of the first Fines and Forfeitures collected therein, agreeably to this Act ; the Number of Days for which the Sergeant, or Corporal, shall be in Pay for Warning the Company, to be ascertained by the Captain, or commanding Officer, of such Company discretionally.

AND whereas it is expedient that so much of the Fifteenth Section of the said Act as respects the Penalty upon non-commissioned Officers, or Privates for Disobedience of Orders, by putting the Offender under Guard, or by levying a Fine of One Dollar, &c. upon him be altered :

IT is therefore further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the abovementioned Part of the said Fifteenth Section be repealed : And that the following Penalty for such Offence shall be inflicted, to wit : The Offender shall be immediately put under Guard for a Space of Time not exceeding Twelve Hours, or shall be fined, not exceeding Four Dollars, at the Discretion of the commanding Officer ; which Fine shall be collected in the Manner prescribed in the foregoing Tenth Section.

AND whereas to the End that this assembly may have due knowledge of the Operation of this Act, it is necessary that regular Returns of all Fines, &c. should be made :

IT is therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Captains of the several Companies of Infantry, in this State, shall make yearly Returns to the Adjutant of their respective Regiments, of all Monies received by them for Fines and Forfeitures by them collected, and how the same were by them expended ; that the Adjutants make Regimental Returns to the Brigade-Majors, countersigned by the Colonels ; that the Brigade-Majors make Brigade Returns to the Adjutant General, countersigned by the Brigadiers-General : And that the Adjutant-General make a general Return to the Major-General ; who is hereby directed to lay the same yearly before this Assembly, at the annual General-Election in May.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Captains of the several Companies of Infantry in this State shall take Post according to the Dates of their respective Commissions ; and that their Companies shall take Post with them in the same Station, when on Parade.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall hereafter be exempted from doing military Duty in the Company of Infantry in the District whereof he shall reside, in Virtue of his having sustained a Commission in the Militia, unless he shall have held such Commission, or some other military Commission, for the Space of Five Years.

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WHEREAS *Edward Boff* hath appeared before this Assembly, and represented, that at the Court of Common Pleas, held in the County of Providence, in December, A. D. 1795, Judgment was rendered against him in Favour of the General Treasurer, in Behalf of the State, for *Two Hundred Dollars*, being the Penalty for violating the Law to prevent the spreading of contagious Distempers, with Costs; and that he hath incurred the said Penalty without any intentional Violation of the Law: And whereas it appears to this Assembly, from the Circumstances attending the Case of the said *Edward Boff*, that his Fault admits of Extenuation, and that he may be favoured consistently with the Principles of Equity:

Part of E.
Boff's Fine
remitted.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That One Half of the said Penalty be remitted; and that upon the said *Edward Boff*'s paying the other Half thereof into the General Treasury, with the Costs, he be discharged from the said Judgment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Forty-seven ^{147 D. 72 C.} Dollars and Seventy-two Cents be allowed and paid to *Nebemiah Knight*, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Providence, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, and the Courts in the County of Providence, for providing Wood, Candles, &c. from July, A. D. 1794 to the present Time.

allowed
N. Knight.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to take the public Letters ^{Letter to} into Consideration reported the following Draught of a Letter to ^{Virginia.} the Governor of *Virginia*, to wit:

SIR,

I HAVE the Honor to inform you that the Resolutions of the Legislature of *Virginia*, proposing certain Amendments to the Constitution of the *United States*, inclosed in a Letter of the 24th of December, 1795, hath been laid before the Legislature of this State, now in Session, and that their Sense thereon is, that it is improper at the present Time to agitate the Expediency of the proposed Amendments.—In their Opinion a further Experience of the Constitution of the *United States*, in its present Form, is desirable before any material Alterations whatsoever, should take Place therein.

YOUR Letter of the 9th of January last, proposing an Interchange of the Laws is perfectly agreeable.—An entire Revision of the Laws of this State is submitted to a Committee; which, as soon as completed, I will do myself the Honor to transmit to your Excellency.

I am with great Esteem, Sir,

Your Excellency's,

Most obedient humble Servant.

His Excellency Governor *Brooke*.

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Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Letter be approved; that his Excellency the Governor be requested to cause a fair Copy thereof to be made, and sign and transmit it to his Excellency the Governor of *Virginia*; and that he be also requested to cause the same to be published, within a suitable Time after its being transmitted, in all the Newspapers in the State, as the Answer of this Assembly to the circular Letter from *Virginia*.

Petition for a new Road thro' North-Providence & Smithfield referred. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of a considerable Number of Citizens in this State, for opening a new Road, through Part of the Towns of *North-Providence* and *Smithfield*, be referred to the next Session: That in the mean Time the Petitioners, at their own Expence, notify all Persons who may be interested, by an Advertisement to be inserted Three Weeks successively in One of the *Providence* Newspapers, that such a Petition is pending, and is to be heard at the next Session of this Assembly.

6 D. 75 Cts. allowed I. Manchester. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Dollars and Seventy-five Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. *Israel Manchester*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Providence*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session.

18 D. allowed H. Ward. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighteen Dollars be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Secretary.

6 D. allowed P. Crapo. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. *Philip Crapo*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. at the Term in September last, as Clerk, *pro Tempore*, by Appointment of the Court,

18 D. 90 C. allowed W. Merchant. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighteen Dollars and Ninety Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. *William Merchant*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk, *pro Tempore*, of the House of Representatives, and for providing Paper, Quills, &c.

83 D. 84 C. allowed H. Bowen. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eighty-three Dollars and Eighty-four Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. *Henry Bowen*, Town-Sergeant of *Providence*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services, in

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in attending upon this Assembly, and the Courts in the County of Providence, and for the Wages of other Waiters employed by him in the same Service, and for providing divers Necessaries for the Use of the State-House in that County.

WHEREAS *Knight Dexter, Esq.* represented to this Assembly, *K. Dexter's* that in February, A. D. 1761, he was appointed one of the Directors of a Lottery granted by the General Assembly for paving the Streets in Providence; and that the said Lottery and Pavement were completed in a short Time afterwards; and thereupon prayed that the Bond by him given as aforesaid may be delivered up:

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be and the same is hereby granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary transmit, to the proper Officers, the Acts and Orders now made and passed, as soon as may be after the Rising of this Assembly: And that this Assembly stand adjourned to the *Tuesday* next preceding the *First Wednesday in May* next, if then called by his Excellency the Governor; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is dissolved.

Adjourn-
ment.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED.

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND):

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Twentieth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

THE HONOURABLE

Samuel J. Potter, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

NOAH MATHEWSON, Esq;
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, Esq;
JOHN COOKE, Esq;
JAMES CONGDON, Esq;
THOMAS HOXSIE, Esq;
PELEG CLARKE, Esq;
JOB WATSON, Esq;
JOHN HARRIS, Esq;

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Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT:

George Champlin, *Esq*;
John Handy, *Esq*;
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
Mr. John L. Bots,
Archibald Craty, *Esq*;
Simeon Martin, *Esq*;

PROVIDENCE:

Welcome Arnold, *Esq*;
John Smith, *Esq*;
Mr. Richard Jackson, *jun.*

PORTSMOUTH:

Abraham Anthony, *jun.* *Esq*;
Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter,
Benjamin Brownell, *Esq*;

WARWICK:

Moses Arnold, *Esq*;
Anthony Holden, *Esq*;
Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
Mr. Job Greene.

WESTERLY:

Thomas Noyes, *Esq*;
Rowse Babcock, *Esq*;

NEW-SHOREHAM:

Mr. John Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

Daniel Updike, *Esq*;
George Thomas, *Esq*;

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Elisha R. Potter, *Esq*;
Rowland Brown, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH:

Mr. George Tillinghast,
Mr. Richard Mathewson.

JAMESTOWN:

Mr. Daniel Weeden, *jun.*
Mr. John Howland.

SMITHFIELD:

Job Aldrich, *Esq*;
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE:

James Aldrich, *Esq*;
Job Randall, *Esq*;

GLOCESTER:

Samuel Winsor, *Esq*;
Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN:

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq*;

The Honourable Elisha R. Potter, Esq; was chosen Speaker, and William V. King, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

Mr. Edward Wilcox.

WEST-GREENWICH:

Mr. Ilthmael Nichols,
Amos Jaqways, *Esq*;

COVENTRY:

Joseph Rice, *Esq*;
Mr. Thomas Waterman.

EXETER:

Mr. James Clarke,
Mr. Abraham Wilcox, *jun.*

MIDDLETOWN:

Mr. Joshua Peckham,
Mr. Isaac Barker.

BRISTOL:

Stephen Smith, *Esq*;
Loring Peck, *Esq*;

TIVERTON:

Thomas Durfee, *Esq*;
Christopher Manchester, *Esq*;

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;
John Davis, *Esq*;

WARREN:

Mr. Charles Wheaton,
Ichabod Cole, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND:

Mr. David Sayles,
Mr. Jason Newell.

RICHMOND:

Jonathan Maxson, *Esq*;
Thomas James, *Esq*;

CRANSTON:

John R. Arnold, *Esq*;
John Mawney, *Esq*;

HOPKINTON:

George Thurston, *Esq*;
Moses Barber, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON:

Mr. Edward Manton,
Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:

Ezekiel Whipple, *Esq*;
Stephen Jenckes, *jun.* *Esq*;

BARRINGTON:

Thomas Allen, *Esq*;
James Martin, *Esq*;

FOSTER:

William Tyler, *Esq*;
Daniel Howard, *Esq*;

THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil and military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down ^{lefted,} in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to them respectively, *to wit*:

His Excellency ARTHUR FENNER, Esq; Governor. Engaged.
 The Hon. SAMUEL J. POTTER, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.
Thomas G. Hazard, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.
Noah Mathewson, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.
Jonathan Comstock, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.
Walter Watson, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.
John Cooke, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.
James Congdon, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.
Thomas Hoxsie, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.
Peleg Clarke, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.
Job Watson, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.
John Harris, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.
Ray Greene, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.
Henry Sherburne, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

<i>Peleg Arnold</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, in and throughout the State.
<i>George Brown</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Walter Cooke</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Joshua Bicknall</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Thomas Tillinghast</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Constant Taber</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Newport.
<i>Oliver Durfee</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Perez Richmond</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>William Anthony</i> , jun. Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Nicholas P. Tillinghast</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Caleb Harris</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Providence.
<i>John Burton</i> , jun. Esq;	Second	
<i>John Dorrance</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Arnold Pain</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>William Tyler</i> (of Foster) Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Gideon Clarke</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Washington.
<i>Robert Stanton</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Thomas Tefft</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>William Hammond</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>John Waite</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

<i>Samuel Allen</i> , Esq;	Chief	Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Bristol.
<i>William Barton</i> , Esq;	Second	
<i>Jesiah Finney</i> , Esq;	Third	
<i>Joseph Reynolds</i> , Esq;	Fourth	
<i>Daniel Cole</i> , Esq;	Fifth	

Stephen

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Stephen Arnold, Esq; Chief
Thomas Rice (the 2d) Esq; Second
Isaac Johnson, Esq; Third
Benjamin Johnson, Esq; Fourth
*Stephen Greene (of East-
 Greenwich) Esq;* Fifth } Justice of the Court of Com-
 mon Pleas, and General
 Sessions of the Peace, within
 and for the County of
 Kent.

Christopher Ellery, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judi-
 cature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and
 for the County of *Newport*.

Joseph Fenner, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature,
 Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the
 County of *Providence*.

James Sheldon, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judica-
 ture, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for
 the County of *Washington*.

Jonathan Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judica-
 ture, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the
 County of *Bristol*.

Andrew Boyd, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature,
 Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the
 County of *Kent*.

Thomas Peckham, Esq; Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas,
 and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of
Newport.

James Fenner, Esq; Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and
 General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Pro-
 vidence*.

Samuel E. Gardner, Esq; Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas,
 and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County
 of *Washington*.

Richard Smith, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas,
 and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of
Bristol.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq; Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and
 General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

William Davis, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Nehemiah Knight, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Walter White, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*.

Richard

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Richard Smith, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Bristol.

Jonathan Niles, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kent.

Christopher Ellery, Esq; Public Notary for the County of Newport.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Public Notary for the County of Providence.

George Thomas, Esq; Public Notary for the County of Washington.

Richard Smith, jun. Esq; Public Notary for the County of Bristol.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq; Public Notary for the County of Kent.

Samuel Brown, Esq; Public Notary for the Towns of Westerly, Charlestown, and Hopkinton.

William T. Miller, Esq; Public Notary for the Town of Warren.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for the several Towns.

NEWPORT:

Henry Sherburne,
Benjamin Sayer,
Christopher Ellery,
Robert Taylor,
Henry Peckham,
Jonathan Almy, *Esquires.*

James Jerauld,
Joseph Arnold,
Peter Greene,
James Rhodes,
George Greene,
Henry Remington,
Thomas Arnold (*Son of Benjamin*)
Edward Anthony, *Esquires.*

PROVIDENCE:

Samuel Chace,
James Arnold,
William Thurber,
William Tyler (*the 2d*)
James Fenner,
Wheeler Martin,
William Richmond,
George Tillinghast,
William Jones,
Obadiah Brown, *Esquires.*

WESTERLY:
Samuel Bliven,
Samuel Brown,
John Sisson,
Nathan Barber,
Joseph Potter,
Paul Maxfon,
Abel Larkin, *Esquires.*

PORTSMOUTH:

Henry Lawton,
James Vinson,
Gideon Dennis, *Esquires.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:
George Thomas,
Daniel Updike,
William Corey,
Nicholas C. Northup,
William Northup,
Oliver Gardner,
Isaac Vaughan,

WARWICK:
Benjamin Barton,

Slocum

Stocum Hall,
 Christopher Gardner,
 Jonathan Reynolds (*Son of William*) *Esquires.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:
 John Waite,
 Caleb Teft,
 Samuel Curtis,
 Daniel Shearman, *jun.*
 John Seagar,
 Samuel E. Gardner,
 Samuel Helme,
 Barber Peckham,
 Samuel Hoxsie,
 James Shearman, *jun.*
 Cyrus French,
 Levi Totten,
 Gideon J. Babcock, *Esquires.*

EAST-GREENWICH:
 Hopkins Cooke,
 George Spencer,
 Daniel Vaughan (*the 3d*)
 George Nichols,
 Andrew Boyd,
 Thomas Sweet,
 Jonathan Pitcher (*Son of Sylvester*) *Esquires.*

SMITHFIELD:
 John Sayles,
 Benjamin Sheldon,
 Edward Medbury,
 Joel Aldrich,
 Elisha Olney,
 Dutee Winfor,
 Benoni Pain, *Esquires.*

CHARLESTOWN:
 Peleg Crofs,
 Jonathan Macomber,
 Ichabod Burdick
 Simeon Babcock,
 Nathan Taylor,
 John Collier,
 William Kinyon,
 Jesse Crandall, *Esquires.*

WEST-GREENWICH:
 Samuel Hopkins,

Levi Whitford,
 Caleb Hall,
 George Potter,
 Stephen Wilcox,
 Benjamin Nichols,
 Nathaniel Pullman, *Esquires.*

COVENTRY:
 William Stone,
 Joseph Manchester,
 Benjamin Greene,
 Joseph Wickes, *jun.*
 Job Mathewson,
 Silas Westcot,
 Job Greene, *jun.*
 John Colegrove,
 Nathan Bowen, *Esquires.*

MIDDLETOWN:
 Joseph Peabody,
 Elisha Allen,
 Parker Hall, *Esquires.*

BRISTOL:
 Daniel Bradford,
 Newton Waldron,
 Samuel R. Paine, *Esquires.*

TIVERTON:
 Thomas Durfee,
 Lemuel Taber,
 Redford Dennis,
 Elihu Hicks,
 Joseph Durfee, *Esquires.*

LITTLE-COMPTON:
 Adam Simmons,
 Enos Giffard,
 Thomas Palmei,
 Benjamin Tompkins, *Esquires.*

WARREN:
 William T. Miller,
 Benjamin Barton,
 Edward Chace,
 Benjamin Bofworth, *Esquires.*

CUMBERLAND:
 Philip Capron,
 Jotham Carpenter,
 Nathaniel Shepardson,

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Levi Ballou,
Ebenezer Carpenter, *Esquires.*

RICHMOND:
James Sheldon,
Remington Clarke,
James Potter,
Jonathan Maxson,
Jeremiah Tefft,
Josias Lillibridge, *Esquires.*

CRANSTON:
William Warner,
John A. Burton,
Jeremiah Randall,
John Whitman,
Richard Knight, *jun.*
Joseph Harris, *Esquires.*

HOPKINTON:
David Nichols,
Randall Wells,
Josiah Witter,
Moses Barber,
Robert Burdick,
Samuel Gardner, *jun.*
Thomas Wells, *jun. Esquires.*

JOHNSTON:
Abraham Belknap,
Benjamin Kimball,
Caleb Alverson,
Harding Harris,
Joseph Williams,
Ezekiel Angell, *Esquires.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE:
Hope Angell,
Ezekiel Whipple,
Caleb Jenckes,
Stephen Jenckes, *jun. Esquires.*

BARRINGTON:
Solomon Townsend, *jun.*
James Martin,
Afa Bicknall,
Josiah Humphry, *jun. Esquires.*

FOSTER:
Daniel Howard,
Caleb Potter,
Simeon Seamans,
Joseph Davis,
Jacob Phillips, *Esquires.*

MILITARY OFFICERS:

Simeon Martin, Esq; Major-General of the Militia of the State.

Thomas Allen, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the Counties of Newport and Bristol.

William Barton, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of Providence.

George Thurston, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of Washington.

Allen Johnson, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of Kent.

William Tew, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Philip Martin, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Peleg Cross, jun. Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Joseph

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Joseph Reynolds, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.

Thomas Westcot, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Benjamin Howland, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Daniel Arnold, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Stephen Wightman, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Silas Bailey, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Joseph Knight, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Elisha R. Gardner, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Elijah Armstrong, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Nehemiah Angell, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fifth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Peter Briggs, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Loring Peck, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the Counties of Newport and Bristol.

Benjamin Hoppin, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Providence.

Thomas Noyes, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Washington.

Isaac Johnson, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Kent.

Daniel Sheldon, Esq; First, Benjamin Brownell, Esq; Second, Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Stephen Abbot, Esq; First, Ebenezer Tyler, Esq; Second, Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Benjamin

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Benjamin Taylor, Esq; First, Joseph Noyes, jun. Esq; Second, Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Benjamin Wardwell, Esq; First, Joseph Adams, Esq; Second, Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.

Moses Arnold, Esq; First, Micah Whitmarsh, Esq; Second, Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

John Baley, Esq; First, Thomas Durfee, Esq; Second, Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Newport.

Nathan Dexter, Esq; First, William Ballou, Esq; Second, Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

James Updike, Esq; First, Daniel Congdon, Esq; Second, Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Thomas Phillips, Esq; First, Josiah Gibbs, jun. Esq; Second, Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Thomas Relph, Esq; First, Gideon Harris, Esq; Second, Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

George James, Esq; First, Gideon J. Babcock, Esq; Second, Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Thomas Mitchell, Esq; First, Benedict Burlingame, jun. Esq; Second, Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Hugh Cole, Esq; First, Thomas Parker, Esq; Second, Major of the Fifth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Valentine Sweet, Esq; First, John Westcot, Esq; Second, Major of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Alexander Thomas, Esq; First, Samuel Sanford, Esq; Second, Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the Counties of Newport and Bristol.

Caleb Westcot, Esq; First, Benjamin Fry, Esq; Second, Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Providence.

William Taylor, Esq; First, Edward Wilcox, Esq; Second, Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Washington.

Joseph Arnold, Esq; (Son of Caleb) First, Stukely Hudson, Esq; Second, Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Kent.

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John

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John Hall, Adjutant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Isaac Center, M. D. Director and Purveyor-General of the Military Hospital of the State.

The same *Isaac Center*, Surgeon and Physician-General of the Militia of the State.

John Mathewson, Esq; Quarter-Master General of the Militia of the State.

Charles Lippitt, Esq; Commissary-General of the Militia of the State.

Robert Rogers, Esq; Adjutant-General of the Militia of the State.

Thomas Russell, Esq; Inspector of the Brigade of Militia of the Counties of Newport and Bristol.

George Tillinghast, Esq; Inspector of the Brigade of Militia of the County of Providence.

Cyrus French, Esq; Inspector of the Brigade of Militia of the County of Washington.

Stephen Arnold, Esq; Inspector of the Brigade of Militia of the County of Kent.

OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Infantry.

First Regiment in the County of NEWPORT.

Senior Clas Company in NEWPORT and JAMESTOWN.

Robert Dunham, *Captain*.
John Tew, *Lieutenant*.
Michael Moulton, *Ensign*.

NEWPORT.
First Company.
William Allen, *Captain*.
Samuel Carr, *Lieutenant*.
Samuel Watson, *Ensign*.

Second Company.
Joseph Lyon, *Captain*.
Nathaniel Lyon, *Lieutenant*.
James Anthony, *Ensign*.

Third Company.

Charles Davenport, *Captain*.
Thomas Tilley, *Lieutenant*.
Azariah Albro, *Ensign*.

Fourth Company.

Joseph Bots, *Captain*.
Peleg Cranston, *Lieutenant*.
Daniel Dunham, *Ensign*.

Senior Clas Company in PORTSMOUTH and MIDDLETOWN.

William Lawton, *Captain*.
Walter Cornell, *Lieutenant*.
John Peabody, *Ensign*.

PORTSMOUTH.

First Company.
Cooke Wilcox, *Captain*.

George

George Brownell, *Lieutenant.*
George Cooke, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Peleg Almy, *Captain.*
Thomas Potter, *jun. Lieutenant.*
Stephen Cornell, *Ensign.*

NEW-SHOREHAM *Company.*
Edward Sands, *Captain.*
John Pain, *Lieutenant.*
John Gorton, *Ensign.*

First Regiment in the County of PROVIDENCE.

PROVIDENCE.
Senior Class Company.
Peter Taylor, *Captain.*
Daniel Stilwell, *Lieutenant.*
James Burrill, *jun. Ensign.*

First Company.
Parker Clarke, *Captain.*
Joshua Rathbun, *Lieutenant.*
Jesse Whitmore, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
George R. Burrill, *Captain.*
Boone Vaughan, *Lieutenant.*
Haile Gladding, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
Jabez Gorham, *Captain.*
Samuel Smith, *Lieutenant.*
Stephen Yates, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.
Daniel Proud, *jun. Captain.*
Joseph Snow, *jun. Lieutenant.*
Edward Luther, *Ensign.*

Fifth Company.
Eber Coleman, *Captain.*
Samuel Kempton, *Lieutenant.*
George Sinkins, *Ensign.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.
Senior Class Company.
Benjamin Jenckes, *Captain.*
Richard Whipple, *Lieutenant.*

Nathaniel Walker, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Emor Whipple, *Captain.*
Daniel Smith, *Lieutenant.*
Elisha Olney, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
James Mason, *Captain.*
Jesse Salsbury, *Lieutenant.*
Arnold Jenckes, *Ensign.*

First Regiment in the County of WASHINGTON.

WESTERLY.
Senior Class Company.
Henry Wells, *Captain.*
James Rofs, *Lieutenant.*
Jonathan Sisson, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
Arnold Bliven, *Captain.*
George Wells, *Lieutenant.*
Joshua Noyes, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
Nathan Potter, *Captain.*
Samuel Taylor, *Lieutenant.*
Nathan Stillman, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.
Thomas Sisson, *Captain.*
Ichabod Clarke, *Lieutenant.*
Arnold Saunders, *Ensign.*

CHARLESTOWN.
Senior Class Company.
Samuel Perry, *Captain.*
Henry Greene, *Lieutenant.*
Jeremiah Taylor, *Ensign.*

First Company.
Ethan Crandall, *Captain.*
Baddock Peckham, *Lieutenant.*
Benjamin York, *Ensign.*

Second Company
Afa Church, *Captain.*
Browning Greene, *Lieutenant.*
Jeffery Hazard, *Ensign.*

HOPKINTON.

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HOPKINTON.

Senior Class Company.

Nathan Barber, *Captain.*
 Gardner Thurston, *Lieutenant.*
 George Maxson, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Jeremiah Thurston, *Captain.*
 Thomas Langworthy, *Lieutenant.*
 William Tanner (the 2d) *Ensign.*

Second Company.

James Wells, jun. *Captain.*
 Rowland Babcock, *Lieutenant.*
 Peleg Babcock, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Nathan Maxson, *Captain.*
 John Kinyon, *Lieutenant.*
 Samuel Peckham, *Ensign.*

The Regiment in the County of
BRISTOL.

Senior Class Company.
 Benjamin Bosworth, *Captain.*
 John Short, *Lieutenant.*
 Randall Cole, *Ensign.*

BRISTOL Company.

Joseph Greene, *Captain.*
 Thomas Church, *Lieutenant.*
 Loring Finney, *Ensign.*

WARREN.

First Company.
 Benjamin Cole, *Captain.*
 William Hoar, *Lieutenant.*
 Preserved Alger, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Samuel Mason, *Captain.*
 Benjamin Saunders, *Lieutenant.*
 Benjamin Barton, jun. *Ensign.*

BARRINGTON Company.

Benjamin Martin, *Captain.*
 Amariah Lilley, *Lieutenant.*
 Ebenezer Peck, *Ensign.*

First Regiment in the County of
KENT.

Senior Class Company in WAR-
WICK and EAST-GREENWICH.
 Mumford Davis, *Captain.*

James Miller, *Lieutenant.*
 Benjamin Remington, *Ensign.*

WARWICK

First Company.
 Bennett Low, *Captain.*
 Thomas Stafford, *Lieutenant.*
 Remington Arnold, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Joseph Arnold (the 3d) *Captain.*
 Charles Brayton, *Lieutenant.*
 Jonathan Tiffany, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Pardon Potter, *Captain.*
 Benjamin Greene, *Lieutenant.*
 Dutee Arnold, *Ensign.*

EAST-GREENWICH.

First Company.
 Jonathan Andrews, jun. *Captain.*
 Browning Nichols, *Lieutenant.*
 Isaac Spencer, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

William Gardner, *Captain.*
 John Place, *Lieutenant.*
 Peleg Clarke, *Ensign.*

Second Regiment in the County of
NEWPORT.

TIVERTON.

Senior Class Company.
 Isaac Cooke, *Captain.*
 Pearce Perry, *Lieutenant.*
 Philip Manchester, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Abraham Manchester, *Captain.*
 Benjamin Cooke, *Lieutenant.*
 Holder Almy, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

William Durfee, *Captain.*
 Nathan Briggs, jun. *Lieutenant.*
 Abner Durfee, *Ensign.*

LITTLE-COMPTON.

Senior Class Company.
 William Southworth, *Captain.*
 Benjamin Coe, *Lieutenant.*
 Andrew Taylor, *Ensign.*

First

First Company.

Thomas Briggs, *Captain.*
Caleb Church, *Lieutenant.*
Owen Greenell, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Joseph Pearce, *Captain.*
Walter Wilbur, *Lieutenant.*
Jonathan Hilliard, *Ensign.*

*Second Regiment in the County of PROVIDENCE.**SMITHFIELD.*

Senior Class Company.
Job Mowry, *Captain.*
George Streeter, *Lieutenant.*
Richard Sayles, *jun. Ensign.*

First Company.

Adam Jenckes, *Captain.*
Jeremiah Whipple, *Lieutenant.*
Thomas Angell, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Joseph Wilkinson, *jun. Captain.*
Abraham Ballou, *Lieutenant.*
Ebenezer Trask, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Obed Seaver, *Captain.*
Nathaniel Mowry, *Lieutenant.*
James Appleby (*the 3d*) *Ensign.*

CUMBERLAND.

Senior Class Company.
Benjamin S. Walcot, *Captain.*
Joseph Follett, *Lieutenant.*
Noah Ballou, *jun. Ensign.*

First Company.

William Whipple, *Captain.*
Stephen Dexter, *Lieutenant.*
Jonathan Ray, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Ariel Ballou, *Captain.*
Joseph Jenckes, *Lieutenant.*
Pelatiah Ballou, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Eleazer Whipple, *Captain.*

Esek Cooke, *Lieutenant.*

Nathan Whipple, *Ensign.*

*Second Regiment in the County of WASHINGTON.**NORTH-KINGSTOWN.*

Senior Class Company.
Stukely Hill, *Captain.*
William T. Congdon, *Lieutenant.*
George Thomas, *jun. Ensign.*

Second Company.

Ezbon Sanford, *Captain.*
George Billell, *Lieutenant.*
Thomas R. Congdon, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Lodowick Updike, *jun. Captain.*
Daniel Thomas, *Lieutenant.*
Thomas Rathbun, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

James Shearman, *Captain.*
Henry Congdon, *Lieutenant.*
Beriah Eldred, *Ensign.*

EXETER.

First Company.
Hiams Bates, *Captain.*
Jeremiah Smith, *Lieutenant.*
Peter Weaver, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

John Maguire, *Captain.*
Gideon Arnold, *Lieutenant.*
Stephen Lewis, *jun. Ensign.*

Third Company.

Benjamin Lewis, *Captain.*
Samuel Lewis, *Lieutenant.*
Afa Wilcox, *Ensign.*

*Second Regiment in the County of KENT.**WEST-GREENWICH.*

Senior Class Company.
Daniel Howard, *Captain.*
John Casey, *Lieutenant.*
Richard Sweet, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Rhodes Wightman, *Captain.*

Burton

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Burton Sweet, *Lieutenant.*
Joseph Mathewson, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
Augustus Ellis, *Captain.*
Samuel Gardner, *Lieutenant.*
Oliver Moon, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
Gardner T. Kinyon, *Captain.*
Job Tillinghast, *Lieutenant.*
William Tanner, *Ensign.*

COVENTRY.
Senior Class Company.
Job Mathewson, *Captain.*
Silas Westcot, *Lieutenant.*
Joseph Wickes, *jun. Ensign.*

First Company.
Edmund Colvin, *Captain.*
Peleg Arnold, *Lieutenant.*
John Remington, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
William Bennett, *Captain.*
Joshua Johnson, *Lieutenant.*
Joseph Greene, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
William Greene, *Captain.*
Solomon Mathewson, *Lieutenant.*
Reuben Knight, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.
Reuben Potter, *Captain.*
Johnson Jordan, *Lieutenant.*
Samuel Peck, *Ensign.*

*Third Regiment in the County of
PROVIDENCE.*

SCITUATE.
Senior Class Company.
Caleb Fisk, *Captain.*
Eliezer Collins, *Lieutenant.*
Jeremiah Baker, *Ensign.*

First Company.
Benoni Colvin, *Captain.*
Ezra Knight, *Lieutenant.*
Peleg Fisk, *jun. Ensign.*

Second Company.
Reuben Steere, *Captain.*
Richard Taylor, *Lieutenant.*
James Kimball, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
Gideon Angell, *Captain.*
James Whipple, *Lieutenant.*
Angell Austin, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.
Resolved Smith, *Captain.*
Timothy Hopkins, *Lieutenant.*
Ezekiel Bishop, *Ensign.*

*Third Regiment in the County of
WASHINGTON.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.
First Company.
Jeffery H. Browning, *Captain.*
John Cranston, *Lieutenant.*
John R. Sheffield, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
Levi Totten, *Captain.*
Silas Clarke, *Lieutenant.*
Robert Brown, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
Enoch Steadman, *Captain.*
William Knowles, *Lieutenant.*
John Knowles, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.
Richard Gardner, *jun. Captain.*
Nathaniel H. Gardner, *Lieutenant.*
Lodowick Coon, *Ensign.*

RICHMOND.
Senior Class Company.
Benjamin Hoxsie, *Captain.*
James Potter, *Lieutenant.*
Gardner Phillips, *Ensign.*

First Company.
Silas Kinyon, *Captain.*
John Lillibridge, *Lieutenant.*
George Kinyon, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
Rowse Clarke, *Captain.*
Benjamin

Benjamin Wilbur, *Lieutenant.*
Ezekiel Johnson, *Ensign.*

*Fourth Regiment in the County of
PROVIDENCE.*

GLOCESTER.

Senior Class Company.
Rufus Steere, *Captain.*
Nathan Cooper, *Lieutenant.*
Ezekiel Brown, *jun. Ensign.*

First Company.
William Hawkins, *jun. Captain.*
Samuel Steere, *jun. Lieutenant.*
John Williams, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
Afa Ballou, *Captain.*
William Lapham, *Lieutenant.*
Jireh Ballou, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
James Potter, *Captain.*
Mowry Smith, *Lieutenant.*
Jenckes Sprague, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.
Ezekiel Emerson, *Captain.*
Caleb Logee, *Lieutenant.*
Christopher Sayles, *Ensign.*

Fifth Company.
Ezekiel Kelly, *Captain.*
James Reynolds, *Lieutenant.*
Joseph Richmond, *Ensign.*

Sixth Company.
Ezekiel Brown, *Captain.*
James Place, *Lieutenant.*
John Greene, *Ensign.*

*Fifth Regiment in the County of
PROVIDENCE.*

FOSTER.

Senior Class Company.
Daniel Howard, *Captain.*
Abiathar Young, *Lieutenant.*
Squire Bucklin, *jun. Ensign.*

First Company.
George Baker, *jun. Captain.*

Southworth Griffith, *Lieutenant.*
Josiah Herendeen, *jun. Ensign.*

Second Company.
Simeon Seamans, *Captain.*
Stephen Davis, *Lieutenant.*
William Davis, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.
Levi Rounds, *Captain.*
Nicholas Potter, *Lieutenant.*
John Eddy, *Ensign.*

*Sixth Regiment in the County of
PROVIDENCE.*

CRASTON.
Senior Class Company.
John Randall, *jun. Captain.*
Elisha Williams, *Lieutenant.*
Edward Stafford, *Ensign.*

First Company.
Joseph Harris, *Captain.*
Benjamin Potter, *Lieutenant.*
Edmund Stone, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
John Williams, *jun. Captain.*
Joseph Burges, *Lieutenant.*
Benjamin Williams, *Ensign.*

Third Company.
Henry Wightman, *Captain.*
Seth Keach, *Lieutenant.*
Waterman Burlingame, *Ensign.*

JOHNSTON.
Senior Class Company.
Daniel Wilbur, *Captain.*
Albro Cleveland, *Lieutenant.*
John Pain, *Ensign.*

First Company.
Joseph Alverson, *Captain.*
Laban Latham, *Lieutenant.*
Harris Kelton, *Ensign.*

Second Company.
Joshua Angell, *Captain.*
Ezekiel Angell, *Lieutenant.*
Olney Angell, *Ensign.*

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Light Infantry, Providence. THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The Governor's Independent Company of Light Infantry, in the Town of Providence, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Ebenezer Macomber, <i>Captain.</i>	George Linley, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
Christopher Hill, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	Samuel W. Bridgman, <i>Ensign.</i>

Pawtuxet Rangers. THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The Pawtuxet Rangers, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Benjamin Arnold, <i>Captain.</i>	Caleb Corpe, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
Israel Arnold (of Warwick) <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	John Arnold (of Cranston) <i>Ensign.</i>

Providence Artillery Company. THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The United Train of Artillery Company in Providence, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Nathan Fisher, <i>Colonel.</i>	Peter Grinnell, <i>Major.</i>
John Carlile, <i>jun. Lieutenant-Colonel.</i>	James Burr, <i>Captain.</i>
	John Howland, <i>Lieutenant.</i>

North-Kingstown Rangers. THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The North-Kingstown Rangers, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Gardner Reynolds, <i>Captain.</i>	John Northup (Son of Lebbeus)
Beriah Bowen, <i>jun. 1st Lieutenant.</i>	<i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
	Samuel D. Allen, <i>Ensign.</i>

Governor's Volunteers. THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The Governor's Independent Company of Volunteers, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Robert Taylor, <i>jun. Captain.</i>	Thomas Williams, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
Jeremiah Eddy, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	Samuel Jackson, <i>Ensign.</i>

Glocester Light Infantry. THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The Gloucester Light Infantry, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Benjamin Hawkins, <i>Captain.</i>	Jonathan Knapp, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
Joseph Steere, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	Jesse Potter, <i>Ensign.</i>

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THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The *Washington* independent Company, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Daniel Sunderlin, <i>jun. Captain.</i>	Benjamin Greene, <i>jun. 2d Lieutenant.</i>
Willett Gardner, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	Robert Shearman, <i>Ensign.</i>

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The *Coventry* Rangers, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

William Waterman, <i>Captain.</i>	Ezekiel Fenner, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
John Bowen, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	Stephen Bowen, <i>Ensign.</i>

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The Light Company of the First Regiment in the County of *Providence*, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

James Ormsbee, <i>Captain.</i>	William P. R. Benson, <i>Ensign.</i>
Cromwell Barney, <i>Lieutenant.</i>	

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The *Kingston* Reds, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

John Waite, <i>Captain.</i>	William C. Clarke, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
Benedict Eldred, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	John Caswell, <i>Ensign.</i>

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The *Kentish* Troop, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Preserved Hall, <i>Captain.</i>	Richard R. Reynolds, <i>Cornet.</i>
Westcot Stone, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	David Greene, <i>Quarter-Master.</i>
Christopher Weaver, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>	

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called The *Cumberland* Light Infantry, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Whipple Lovett, <i>Captain.</i>	Nathaniel Newman, <i>2d Lieutenant.</i>
William Balcom, <i>1st Lieutenant.</i>	Amos Follett, <i>Ensign.</i>

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An ACT in Addition to and Amendment of the
Act passed at the Session held in June, A. D.
1794, directing Justices of the Peace to make
Return of the Fines by them collected.

Justices to return an Account of Fines. **B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereto, of it is hereby Enacted, That every Justice of the Peace, appointed at the present Session, shall make Return to the General-Treasurer, on the Second Day of the next Session of this Assembly, whether he hath collected any Fines, due to the State or not, during the last Year, and until that Time; and if he shall have collected any, include in the said Return an Account thereof: That if any Justice of the Peace so appointed shall neglect to make Return as aforesaid, his Appointment shall cease and become void; and that in future no Justice of the Peace who shall neglect to make Return as aforesaid to the General-Treasurer at the annual Election shall be eligible to that Office.

IT is Ordered, That a Copy of this ACT be inserted in the *Newport Mercury*, in one of the *Providence News-Papers*, and in the *Warren News-Paper*.



T. Tillinghast IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Ninety Dollars be allowed and paid to *Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the two last Circuits, and for divers other Services out of Term Time.

J. Almy al- IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Dollars be allowed and paid to *Jonathan Almy*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Rent, from October 30, 1795, to April 30, 1796, of One Third of a Lot of Land, and House thereon, in *Newport*, being the Dower of *Mrs. Freelove Eldred*.

N. Gardiner THE following Information was given to this Assembly by *Nicholas Gardiner*, jun. Esq; late Sheriff of the County of *Washington*, to wit:

to deliver *counterfeit* *Dies, &c. to* *the General-Treasurer.* I HAVE in my Care One Screw, with the Press, One Set of Dies, and One Caster, taken into my Possession some Time past, by Virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of *Thomas Tillinghast*.

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linghast, Esq; an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court, &c.—I received a few Days since of Mr. *George Tofft*, of *South-Kingslown*, One Set of *Ditto*, which he said his Daughter found in his Land, in said *South-Kingslown*, and gave him my Receipt for the same.—All these Tools I suppose to have been prepared for counterfeiting Dollars, &c.—I request the Order of the General Assembly respecting them, that I may be legally discharged from them.

NICHOLAS GARDINER, jun.

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ON due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Nicholas Gardiner, jun.* be and he is hereby directed to deliver the above mentioned Articles to the General-Treasurer, taking his Receipt therefor.

WHEREAS *Seth Mowry*, and Thirty-four others, have preferred Charter to a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that they have *Wionkheigue Library Company* subscribed a considerable Sum of Money, and purchased a hand-some Collection of useful Books, sufficient for a small Library, to be kept and supported in *Smithfield*, and prayed that a Charter of Incorporation may be granted them, by the Name of *The Wionkheigue Library Company*:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said *Seth Mowry*, *Joseph Balkcome*, *Jabez Mowry*, *Benjamin Sheldon*, *James Smith*, *Job Aldrich*, *Benoni Latham*, *Charles Appleby*, *Edward Medbury*, *Samuel Mowry*, *Ephraim Mowry*, *John Appleby*, *James Appleby* (the Third) *Job Mowry, jun.* *Nathaniel Mowry* (the Third) *Thomas Appleby*, *Stephen Sheldon*, *Israel Aldrich*, *Nathaniel Thatcher*, *Philip Sweet*, *John Angell*, *Seth Arnold*, *Robert Harris*, *Charles Mowry*, *Sylvester Mowry*, *John Evans*, *Job Angell*, *Gideon Angell*, *Stephen Angell*, *Job Aldrich, jun.* *Barlow Aldrich*, *David Harris* (the Third) *John Angell, jun.* *Joseph Harris, jun.* and *Gardner Aldrich*, being the aforesaid Petitioners, and all others who shall be admitted by them Members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected and made, a Body corporate and politic, to subsist at all Times forever hereafter, in Deed and Name, by the Name of *The Wionkheigue Library Company*; and by that Name shall and may have perpetual Succession, and be Persons able and capable in Law to have, hold, receive and enjoy, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Rents, in Fee simple, or for Term of Life, Lives, Years, or otherwise, and all Goods, Chattels, and all other Things, of what Nature, Kind or Quality soever; provided the same do not exceed *Six Thousand Dollars*: And also to give, grant, let, sell or assign the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels; and to do and execute all other Things about the same, by the Name aforesaid: And also that they, and their Successors, by the Name of *The Wionkheigue Library Company*, be, and forever hereafter shall be, a Company, or Persons, able, capable and liable to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded,

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to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all or any of the Courts of Law or otherwise, before any of the Judges, Justices or other Persons whomsoever, in all Manner of Actions, Complaints, or Pleas whatever: And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, and their Successors forever hereafter, to have one common Seal for their Use, and the same at their Will and Pleasure to change and alter.

AND for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said Company,

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, and their Successors, to assemble and meet together on the First Saturday in November in every Year, and at such other Times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or other suitable Place, in the Town of Smithfield, due and public Notice being given at least Five Days before the Time of their Meeting (provided the same be specially called) not only of the Day, Hour and Place of such Meeting, but of the Cause thereof, and the Matters to be transacted therein: And that the said Company, or One Third Part of them at least, being met in Person, or by Proxy duly constituted in Writing, shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to make, institute and establish such Laws, Statutes and Orders, as shall appear to them, or the major Part of them so present, to be useful and necessary for the Government, Regulation and Direction of the Company, and every Member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the Election or Nomination of Officers for the said Company, and for limiting, appointing and defining their Trust and Authority, and for the admitting of new Members; and to do all other Things concerning the Government, Estate, Goods and Revenues, and all other Business and Affairs of the said Company: All which Laws, Statutes and Orders, so made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every Member, and be from Time to Time inviolably observed, according to the Tenor and Effect of them; provided they be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

AND for the easier and better Government of the said Company,

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Company, at their said Meeting on the said First Saturday in November, shall annually choose Three Directors, a Librarian and Treasurer, for the said Company.

*J. Smith al-
lowed 91¹
Dollars, 58²
Cents.* WHEREAS John Smith, Esq; exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State, amounting to Ninety-one Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents, for the Expence of erecting a necessary House for the Use of the General Assembly and Courts, when sitting in the County of Providence; which was by the House of Representatives referred to a Committee, who made the following Return thereon, *to wit*:

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AGREEABLY to our Appointment, we have examined the above Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and find the same to be right.

JOHN HANDY
NICHOLAS TAYLOR, } Committee.

ON due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Ninety-one Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents* be paid to the said *John Smith*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Dollars* be allowed and *Z. Andrews* paid to *Zephaniah Andrews*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, allowed *9 Dollars*, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the *Dollars*, established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as One of the Committee appointed to revise and relay the main Road from the *Massachusetts Line* through *Smithfield* to *North-Providence*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fourteen Dollars* be allowed and *D. Anthony* paid to *Mr. Daniel Anthony*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as one of the Committee appointed to relay the main Road from the *Massachusetts Line* through *Smithfield* to *North-Providence*, and for surveying the same.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Job Greene* and *George Committee Tillinghast* be, and they hereby are, appointed a Committee to receive the Books of Record, Files of Papers, and all other Things belonging to the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace within and for the County of Kent, from *Benjamin Howland*, Esq; the late Clerk of the said Court, and to deliver them to *Hopkins Cooke*, Esq; the present Clerk.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars and Three Cents* be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as Secretary, from *October*, A. D. 1795, to the Commencement of the present Session, and for divers Charges made by him in a former Account, which were referred for Information.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Charles Wheaton* and *Stephen Smith* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to receive the Books of Record, Files of Papers, and all other Things belonging to the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, &c. Committee

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mon Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace within and for the County of *Bristol*, from *Daniel Bradford*, Esq; the late Clerk of the said Court, and to deliver them to *Richard Smith*, jun. Esq; the present Clerk.

United Congregational Society in Little-Compton permitted to sell a Lot of Land.

WHEREAS the United Congregational Society in *Little-Compton* preferred a Petition to this Assembly, and represented that there is a Lot of Land belonging to the said Society, containing Three Acres, lying in the Centre of *William Rotch's* Farm, in *Little-Compton* aforesaid, which is not fenced, and cannot be improved by the said Society to any Advantage; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant them Liberty to sell the said Lot of Land, and to employ the Money arising from the Sale in erecting Buildings on the other Lots of Land belonging to the said Society; and that their Treasurer may be empowered to give a Deed of the said Lot of Land, when sold, in Behalf of the said Society: Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted; and that a Deed of the said Lot of Land, made and executed by the Treasurer of the said Society, shall vest in the Purchaser all the Right, Title and Interest, the said Society hath therein.

Committee on *D. Updike's* Accounts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *John Handy* and *John L. Boys* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of *Daniel Updike*, Esq. as Attorney-General of this State; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Petition of *M. Lippitt* and others referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *Moses Lippitt* and others, praying for Liberty to draw Fish upon their own Lands, in *Warwick* Mill-Cove, be further referred to the next Session of this Assembly, in the same Manner it was referred from the last to the present Session.

Petition for a Tide-Mill in *Warwick* referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Warwick*, praying that *John Stafford*, Esq; may be permitted to erect a Tide-Mill at or near *Opponaug* Bridge, in the said Town, be further referred to the next Session of this Assembly, in the same Manner it was referred from the last to the present Session.

Petition for a new Road through *North-Providence* and Part of *Smithfield* referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Providence*, praying that a Road may be laid through *North-Providence* and Part of *Smithfield*, to join the Road from *Providence* through *Smithfield* towards *Worcester*, be further referred to the next Session of this Assembly, in the same Manner it was referred from the last to the present Session.

C. Hill allowed 11 Dollars 33 Cents.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eleven Dollars and Thirty-three Cents*

Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. *Christopher Hill*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Rugs and Blankets for the Use of poor Prisoners, committed to the Gaol in *Providence*, at the Suit of the State, during the last Winter.

WHEREAS *James Mors*, jun. of *Foster*, in the County of *Providence*, Labourer, preferted a Petition to this Assembly, and re-^{jun.'s} presented, that at the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. held in ^{Jun.'s Sentence mitigated.} *East-Greenwich*, in *April* last, he was convicted of stealing a Horse, and was sentenced to forfeit all his Estate, both real and personal, to be whipped Thirty-nine Lashes Three Times, and to be banished the State; and prayed this Assembly to remit his Sentence: And whereas a Number of respectable Characters represented, that the Circumstances attending his Crime in a great Measure extenuated his Guilt, and rendered him a fit Object of Mercy, and joined in the Prayer of his Petition: Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be and the same is hereby granted; excepting that the said *James Mors* shall receive Thirty-nine Lashes, and give his Note to the General-Treasurer for the Costs of Prosecution.

WHEREAS the Time appointed by Law for holding the next Court of Term of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County ^{Common} *of Providence*, will happen at the same Time that the Circuit Court ^{Pleas in Providence postponed.} of the United States is to sit within this State, and great Inconveniences will arise therefrom, unless a Remedy be provided:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said Term of the said Court of Common Pleas be postponed until the Fourth Monday of June next; that all Writs returnable to the said Court be served Twenty Days, Declarations filed Twelve Days, and Answers Six Days, before the said Day to which the said Court is postponed; and that all Executions, Returns of Jurors, and all other Matters whatsoever returnable to the said Term, be returnable to the Term to be holden pursuant to this Act.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Dollars and Three Cents* ^{T. Tew al-} be allowed and paid to Mr. *Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol in ^{lowered 8 Dollars 3 Cents.} the County of *Newport*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Support of *Carey Parker*, a poor Convict, committed at the Suit of the State, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Four Dollars and Sixty Cents* ^{J. Richardson al-} be allowed and paid to *Jacob Richardson*, Esq; Postmaster in ^{Jon allowed} *New-Jon* ^{4 Dollars 60 Cents.} port, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange;

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it being the Amount of his Account, for the Postage of public Letters.

T. Melvill allowed 4 Dollars 50 Cents. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Melvill, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, as a Waiter, at the present Session, &c.*

J. Richards allowed 4 Dollars 50 Cents. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. John Richards, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c.*

T. Tew allowed 4 Dollars 50 Cents. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Tew, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c.*

R. Gardner to act as Sheriff of the County of Washington until the Sheriff be qualified. *WHEREAS Walter White, Esq; who hath been elected Sheriff of the County of Washington, at the present Session is now absent from the State:*

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Elisha R. Gardner, Esq; be, and he is hereby, empowered to serve all Writs and Processes, and to do every Matter and Thing in the County of Washington which by Law appertains to the Duty of a Sheriff of the said County, until the said Walter White be legally qualified to execute that Office: And that he, the said Elisha R. Gardner, give Bonds to the General-Treasurer, with Surety, to his Satisfaction, in the Sum of One Thousand Dollars, for the faithful Performance of the said Trust.

At respecting Petitions. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Votes upon Petitions passed by this Assembly, at any former Session, which are now pending, liberating the Petitioners from Gaol, or staying Proceedings against them, be continued in Force.*

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish, and transmit to the proper Officers, the Acts and Orders now made and passed, according to Law: And that this Assembly be adjourned to the Second Monday in June next, then to convene at the State-House in Newport.*

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

JUNE, 1796.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* in *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Twentieth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Esq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Esq.*

NOAH MATHEWSON, *Esq.*

JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Esq.*

WALTER WATSON, *Esq.*

JAMES CONGDON, *Esq.*

THOMAS HOXSIE, *Esq.*

PELEG CLARKE, *Esq.*

JOB WATSON, *Esq.*

JOHN HARRIS, *Esq.*

} ASSISTANTS.

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable ELISHA R. POTTER, Esq. Speaker.

NEWPORT :

George Champlin, Esq.
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
Mr. John L. Bois,
Archibald Crary, Esq.
Simeon Martin, Esq.

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, Esq.
Charles Lippitt, Esq.
John Smith, Esq.
Mr. Richard Jackson, jun.

PORTSMOUTH :

Abraham Anthony, jun. Esq.
Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter,
Benjamin Brownell, Esq.

WARWICK :

Anthony Holden, Esq.
Thomas Holden, Esq.
Mr. Job Greene.

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, Esq.
Rowse Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. John Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Daniel Updike, Esq.

George Thomas, Esq.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Speaker,
Rowland Brown, Esq.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. George Tillinghast,
Mr. Richard Mathewson.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Daniel Weeden, jun.
Mr. John Howland.

SMITHFIELD .

Job Aldrich, Esq.
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, Esq.
Job Randall, Esq.

GLOUCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, Esq.
Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq.

Mr. Edward Wilcox.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Ichabod Nichols,
Amos Jaqways, Esq.

COVENTRY :

Joseph Rice, Esq.

Mr. Thomas Waterman.

EXETER :

Mr. James Clarke,
Mr. Abraham Wilcox, jun.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Joshua Peckham,
Mr. Isaac Barker.

BRISTOL .

Stephen Smith, Esq.
Loring Peck, Esq.

TIVERTON :

Christopher Manchester, Esq.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Nathaniel Searle, Esq.
John Davis, Esq.

WARREN :

Mr. Charles Wheaton,
Ichabod Cole, Esq.

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. David Sayles,
Mr. Jason Newell.

RICHMOND :

Jonathan Maxson, Esq.
Thomas James, Esq.

CRANSTON :

John R. Arnold, Esq.
John Mawney, Esq.

HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, Esq.
Moses Barber, Esq.

JOHNSTON :

Mr. Edward Manton,
Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, Esq.
Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, Esq.
James Martin, Esq.

FOSTER :

Joseph Davis Esq.
Daniel Howard, Esq.

WILLIAM V. KING, Esq. Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Caleb Gardner*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Wood supplied for the Use of this Assembly, and of the Courts in the County of *Washington*. 12 D. allow-
ed C. Gard-
ner.

WHEREAS the next Term of the Circuit Court in this State will probably interfere with the Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at *Providence* on the *Fourth Monday in June Inst.* by Postpnement, by A&t of this Assembly:

BE it therefore Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said Court of Common Pleas be further postponed to the *Third Monday in August* next; and that all Matters and Things which might have Day, be heard and tried at the Court of Common Pleas which was to have been holden on said *Fourth Monday of June Inst.* may and shall have Day, be heard and tried, at said Court to be holden on the *Third Monday in August* next. *Provided nevertheless*, That all Executions returnable to said Court, shall be returnable on the same Day on which they would be returnable if this A&t had not been passed.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Defendants in all Causes commenced to said Court, shall have a Right to file their respective Answers Six Days before the Sitting of said Court on the said *Third Monday in August*: And that this A&t be published in the *Providence News-Papers*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Twelve Dollars Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Peleg Arnold*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the last Circuit. 112 D. 50.
C. allowed
P. Arnold.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Artillery Company of the Town of *Newport* be, and they are hereby permitted to erect, in the Yard adjoining the East-Side of the State-House in the said Town, a Building suitable for the convenient and safe keeping of their Cannon and other Arms and Accoutrements: That the said Building shall be erected without any Expence to the State, and in such Manner as not to obstruct the Passage to the Cellar Door, or to the small Building now in the said Yard: And that the Owner or Owners thereof may at any Time remove the same. Newport
Artillery
Company
permitted
to let a
Building
in the State-
House Yard.

WHEREAS *John Keene*, of *Providence* in the County of *Providence*, Blacksmith, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that on the *11th Day of July, A. D. 1788*, he was convicted by the Judgment of a Court of Justices of having purchased and received a Number of Axes which had been stolen, whereby J. Keene re-
stored to his
Privileges.

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he is deprived of the Privilege of his Oath; and thereupon prayed this Assembly that he might be restored to his Privileges, and enjoy them in as full and ample a Manner as though the said Judgment had never been entered against him: And whereas a Number of respectable Citizens, being near Neighbours to him, joined in the Prayer of his Petition: Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said John Keene in his aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

Officers of
the Cranston
Blues.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Cranston Blues*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Andrew Potter, Captain,</i>	<i>Andrew Knight, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>James Parkerson, First Lieut.</i>	<i>David Nicholas, Ensign.</i>

Officers of
the Johnston
Rangers.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Johnston Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>John M'Donald, Captain,</i>	<i>Joseph Mathewson, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>Christopher Brown, First Lieut.</i>	<i>Elijah Day, Ensign.</i>

Officers of
the Captain-
General's
Cavaliers

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Captain-General's Cavaliers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Edward Manton, Captain,</i>	<i>Jeremiah Manton, Cornet,</i>
<i>Israel Manchester, First Lieutenant,</i>	<i>Jeremiah Knight, jun. Quar-</i>
<i>Calvin Dean, Second Lieutenant,</i>	<i>ter-Master.</i>

Officers of
the Newport
Artillery.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Artillery Company of the Town of Newport*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Francis Malbone, Captain,</i>	<i>Walter Channing, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>Benjamin Fry, First Lieutenant,</i>	<i>Joseph Boss, jun. Ensign.</i>

Officers of
the Newport
Guards.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Newport Guards*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice *to wit*:

<i>Wing Spooner, Captain,</i>	<i>John Spooner, Second Lieut.</i>
<i>John Aleman, First Lieutenant,</i>	<i>Charles Dunham, Ensign.</i>

Officers of
the Washing-
ton Cavalry.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Washington Cavalry*, was made to his Excellency

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Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the
Choice, *to wit*:

Rowland Brown, Captain, | Jeremiah N. Potter, Second Lieut.
Samuel E. Gardner, First Lieut. | Thomas H. Hazard, Cornet.

The following Return of the Officers of the independent Company called *The Providence Troop of Light Dragoons*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

Epbraim Bowen, jun. Colonel, | Sylvanus Hopkins, Captain,
John Corlis, Lieut. Colonel, | Edward Dexter, Lieutenant,
Henry Smith, Major, | Christopher Olney, Cornet.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seventy-four Dollars be allowed and paid to *Walter Cooke*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the last Circuit.

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lowed W.
Cooke.

THE Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, of the 24th of the last Month, respecting the Reimbursement of the Six per Cent. Stock which belonged to this State, in Consequence of the Balance reported to be due to this State from the United States, upon a final Settlement of the Accounts of this State with the United States, being duly considered:

Gov. to
write to the
Secretary
of the Treas-
ury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to write to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and inform him, that this State hath transferred the whole of the aforesaid Balance to the individual Creditors thereof; and that therefore this State hath now no Interest in the Subject-Matter of that Letter.

THE following Statement of the Account of *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq. deceased, and Report thereon were made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

Report upon
the Account
of the late
Rowse J.
Helme.

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. to the Estate of *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq. deceased.

1787, Sept. 24.	{ To Cash paid Mr. John M. Greene, Clerk } to the Commissioners appointed to arrange the State's Account with the United States £. 30 in Bills of Credit, equal to	£. 5 0 0
Dec. 13.	To Cash paid ditto £. 23, in the same,	3 13 4
1788, March 29.	{ To ditto paid ditto £. 150, in the same, } To ditto paid for sundries, per Account, £. 10 14, in the same,	25 0 0
		1 13 6

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To 6 Months Service as a Commissioner
for preparing the Accounts of the State
with the *United States*, for Adjustment
at £. 150 per Annum: Mr. George Ol-
ney having been allowed at that Rate
for the same Service,

75 0 0
£.110 6 10

Creditor.

1787,	} By Cash of the General Treasurer in April 18.	Bills of Credit, £. 60, equal to	£. 10 0 0
Sept. 18.		By ditto £. 300	50 0 0
1788,	} By ditto 200		33 6 8
Jan. 12.			
1796,	} Balance due to the Estate of <i>Rowse</i> June 13.		17 0 2
		<i>J. Helme.</i>	
			£.110 6 10

THE Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to settle the Account of *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq. deceased, report, that from the best Evidence they have been able to obtain, and from an Examination into the Books of the Treasury, they find a Balance due to the Estate of the said *Rowse J. Helme* of *Seventeen Pounds and two Pence lawful Money*, equal to *Fifty-six Dollars and Seventy Cents*, as above stated. Which is submitted by

HENRY SHERBURNE, } Committee.
NICHOLAS EASTON, }

Newport, June 13th, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the aforesaid Balance of *Fifty-six Dollars and Seventy Cents*, be paid to the Administrator of the Estate of the said *Rowse J. Helme*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

**Com. on the
Accounts of
the late
*J. Jenckes.*** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messieurs *Charles Lippitt*, and *Richard Jackson*, jun. br, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of *John Jenckes*, Esq. deceased, as one of the Commissioners for preparing the Accounts of the State with the *United States*, for Adjustment; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

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allowed C.** *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eleven Dollars and Twenty-five Cents* be allowed and paid to *Christopher Ellery*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount

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mount of his Account for a Book of Record purchased for the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for the County of Newport.

THE following Report, and Account were presented to this Assembly, *to wit* :

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Honorable General Assembly, at May Session, A. D. 1796, we have received of Benjamin Howland, Esq. the late Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Kent County, the Books of Record, Files of Papers, Seal, and other Things belonging to the said Office, and delivered them to Hopkins Cooke, Esq. the present Clerk of the said Court; and have given and taken Receipts for the same. All which is submitted by

JOB GREENE,
GEORGE TILLINGHAST, } Committee.

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. to the Committee. 3 D. allowed
For our Services in performing the aforesaid Business, 3 Dollars. the Com.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; that the Account of the Committee be allowed; and that the said Sum of Three Dollars be paid to them, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

An ACT empowering the Town of Providence to choose as many Vendue-Masters, or Auctioneers, as they shall think necessary.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority Providence thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Freemen of the Town of Providence, at their annual Town-Meeting in August next, and thereafter, at their annual Town-Meetings for the Choice of Town-Officers, shall and may appoint so many Vendue-Masters, or Auctioneers, as they may think necessary.

Provided, and be it further Enacted, That the said Town shall and may, if they shall judge it expedient, authorize the Town-Council of the said Town to appoint and license so many Vendue-Masters, or Auctioneers, as the said Town-Council may think necessary, on such Terms and in such Manner as the said Town-Council, shall prescribe.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Vendue-Masters, or Auctioneers, so to be appointed and licensed by

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by the said Town, or by the said Town-Council, shall be subject to and regulated by all the Penalties, Laws and Regulations made and provided, or to be made and provided, relative to Vendues and Vendue-Masters.

Com. to re-
lay Part of
the Road
from Prov-
idence to
Plainfield.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Zabed Bown, John Smith, and Richard Jackson* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise and relay that Part of the Post Road leading from *Providence to Plainfield*, which lies between the House of *Nebemiah Sheldon*, in *Johnston*, and the River near *Christopher Thorn-ton's*, in *Johnston*.

Report of
the Com.
who deliver-
ed the Re-
cords &c. of
the Com.
Pleas in
Bristol
County.

The following Report was presented to this Assembly *to wit* : We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to receive the Books of Record, Files of Papers, and other Things belonging to the Office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace within and for the County of *Bristol*, from *Daniel Bradford*, Esq. the late, and deliver them to *Richard Smith, jun.* Esq. the present Clerk, do report, that we have received all the Books of Record and Files of Papers shewn to us by the said *Daniel Bradford*, as appertaining to that Office, and delivered them to the said *Richard Smith, jun.* and have given and taken Receipts for the same.

CHARLES WHEATON, }
STEPHEN SMITH, } Committee.

Newport, June 13, 1796.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Carey Parker
to be sent to
sea.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be authorized to procure for *Carey Parker*, now a close Prisoner in the Gaol in that County, a Voyage in any Vessel bound for any Country Eastward of the Cape of *Good-Hope*, and place him on board such Vessel, suitably cloathed for such Voyage; provided the said *Carey Parker* shall voluntarily consent thereto: And that in such Case, if the said *Carey Parker* shall again return to this State he shall be immediately placed and kept in close Confinement, in the Gaol of any County in the State where he may be apprehended.

An ACT directing the Mode of choosing Re- presentatives to Congress.

Mode of
choosing
Repre-
sentatives
to
Congress.

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority
thereof it is hereby Enacted*, That Two Representatives to be
stiled, First and Second Representative, qualified agreeably to Law
to represent this State in the Fifth Congress of the *United States*, be
elected

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elected by the Freemen of this State in their several Town-Meetings, when legally assembled on the last *Tuesday* in *August* next: That the Choice be made and conducted upon the Principles of an Act passed by this Assembly, at the Session held in *June*, A. D. 1790; entitled "An Act prescribing the Mode of electing Senators and a Representative to represent this State in the Congress of the *United States of America*, and the Times and Places of holding the Elections:" That a Return of the Votes of the Freemen for the said Representatives be made to this Assembly at the Session to be held in *October* next: And that the Secretary forthwith transmit a Copy of this Act to the several Town-Clerks in the State.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Hon- Report of
orable General Assembly, at the Session held in *January*, A. D. 1795, to survey and relay the Highway leading from *Providence* to *Norwich* through this State, beg Leave to report, that, agreeably to our Appointment, we began at a small Shop near Colonel *Christopher Olney's*, at the Distance of Two Miles from *Providence* Bridge, near *Solitary Hill*, and ran North 75 D. and 15 M. West, 26 Poles to or near *Johnston* line; thence S. 55 D. and 30 M. W. 51 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 43 D. and 15 M. W. 22 Poles to a Stone set in the Ground; thence S. 56 D. W. 24 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence N. 85 D. W. 32 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence W. 48 Poles to a Heap of Stones by a *Buttonwood Tree*; thence S. 87 D. W. 75 Poles to a Stone set in the Ground; thence S. 83 D. W. 42 Poles to a Heap of Stones at Three Miles Distance from *Providence*; thence S. 83 D. W. 26 Poles to a Corner and Stones; thence S. 70 D. and 30 M. W. 5 Poles to a Corner; thence S. 24 D. and 30 M. W. 58 Poles and 10 Lengths to an *Elm Tree*; thence S. 28 D. and 30 M. W. 40 Poles by a Range of *Elm Trees* at a Turn in the Ditch; thence S. 37 D. and 30 M. W. 23 Poles to a Stone set in the Ground; thence S. 24 D. W. 21 Poles to a *Prim Bush* in *Gideon Brown's Ditch*; thence S. 45 D. W. 13 Poles and Six Lengths to an *Elm Tree* opposite to a high Rock; thence S. 53 D. W. 24 Poles and 13 Lengths to a Stone set in the Ground; thence S. 61 D. W. 20 Poles and 13 Lengths to a Stone 7 Feet West of the Corner of *Fenner's Barn*; thence S. 39 D. and 30 M. W. 35 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 33 D. W. 16 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 72 D. W. 37 Poles and 12 Lengths to a Rock 4 Miles from *Providence*; thence S. 72 D. W. 6 Poles and 20 Lengths to *Thorn-ton's House*; thence N. 80 D. W. 7 Poles to *Solomon Thornton's Shop*; thence N. 85 D. W. 23 Poles to *David Brown's Corner*; thence S. 85 D. and 30 M. W. 10 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 62 D. and 30 M. W. 21 Poles and 15 Lengths to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 49 D. and 30 M. W. 22 Poles and 10 Lengths to a Heap of Stones on a Rock at *David Brown's S. W. Corner*; thence S. 74 D. W. 21 Poles and 9 Lengths to a great Rock opposite *Fenner's*; thence S. 46 D. W. 31 Poles and 15 Lengths to

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a Rock by *H. Carpenter's* House ; thence S. 28 D. W. 34 Poles and 20 Lengths to a Heap of Stones N. E. of the Bridge ; thence S. 55 D. W. 18 Poles to a Stake and Stones ; thence S. 84 D. and 30 M. W. 12 Poles and 20 Lengths to a Black-Oak Stump ; thence S. 81 D. W. 11 Poles and 5 Lengths ranging with *Pardon Fenner's* Wall ; thence S. 69 D. and 30 M. W. 29 Poles to *Pardon Fenner's* S. Gate-Post ; thence S. 63 D. W. 20 Poles and 8 Lengths to an Apple Tree marked ; thence S. 59 D. W. 49 Poles and 18 Lengths to a Heap of Stones for 5 miles ; thence S. 59 D. W. 5 Poles and 5 Lengths to a White-Oak Tree on *Fenner's* Hill ; thence S. 51 D. and 30 M. W. 48 Poles and 18 Lengths to an Apple Tree marked ; thence S. 50 D. and 30 M. W. 27 Poles and 5 Lengths to a Chestnut Stump ; thence S. 72 D. W. 6 Poles to a Heap of Stones on the West Side of *Fenner's* Brook ; thence N. 79 D. W. 46 Poles to a large Maple Tree ; thence S. 82 D. W. 61 Poles to a large Black-Oak ; thence N. 88 D. W. 12 Poles and 18 Lengths to a Black-Oak ; thence S. 72 D. W. 69 Poles to a Black-Oak ; thence S. 74 D. and 30 M. W. 33 Poles and 15 Lengths to a Heap of Stones by a Locust Tree ; thence S. 88 D. W. 10 Poles and 14 Lengths to a Heap of Stones for 6 Miles ; thence S. 88 D. W. 7 Poles and 5 Lengths to a Chestnut Tree ; thence W. 30 Poles to a Heap of Stones ; thence N. 86 D. W. 11 Poles and 15 Lengths to an End of a Wall ; thence N. 83 D. and 30 M. W. 44 Poles and 20 Lengths to a Walnut Stump ; thence N. 89 D. and 30 M. W. 78 Poles to a great Stone ; thence N. 79 D. W. 89 Poles and 14 Lengths to a Chestnut Stump ; thence N. 55 D. W. 40 Poles to a Heap of Stones at *Col. Waterman's* House ; thence N. 78 D. W. 19 Poles to a Heap of Stones for 7 Miles ; thence N. 78 D. W. 30 Poles to a little Hill at the End of a Wall ; thence N. 74 D. W. 40 Poles to a Heap of Stones ; thence N. 66 D. W. 63 Poles to the Corner of a Wall by *Fenner's* ; thence N. 54 D. W. 22 Poles to a Chestnut Tree ; thence N. 43 D. and 30 M. W. 24 Poles to a Heap of Stones ; thence N. 45 D. W. 29 Poles and 15 Lengths to a Heap of Stones ; thence N. 70 D. W. 5 Poles to a Heap of Stones ; thence W. 14 Poles to a Heap of Stones ; thence N. 85 D. W. 28 Poles to a Heap of Stones by *Governor Fenner's* Land ; thence S. 79 D. W. 22 Poles and 18 Lengths to a Stake and Stones ; thence W. 41 Poles and 17 Lengths to a Stake near *Governor Fenner's* N. W. Corner, 8 Miles from *Providence* ; thence S. 89 D. W. 63 Poles and 15 Lengths to the End of *Fenner's* Wall ; thence S. 87 D. and 30 M. W. 48 Poles to a Heap of Stones ; thence S. 75 D. W. 92 Poles to the End of *Richard Angell's* Wall ; thence S. 65 D. W. 47 Poles to the N. E. Corner of *Angell's* Meadow ; thence S. 80 D. W. 14 Poles to *Richard Angell's* ; thence N. 84 D. W. 51 Poles to *Scituate* Line ; thence N. 84 D. and 30 M. W. 4 Poles and 10 Lengths to a Heap of Stones for 9 Miles ; thence N. 84 D. and 30 M. W. 28 Poles to a Walnut Tree in *Lovell's* Fence marked ; thence W. 1 D. S. 43 Poles and 15 Links to *Lovell's* Crib ; thence N. 84 D. and 15 M. W. 15 Poles to a Stake and Stones on the West Side of *Lovell's* Orchard ; thence S. 76 D. W. 20 Poles and 17 Links to *Sayles's* Corner ; thence S. 53 D. W. 12 Poles with *Sayles's*

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Sayles's Wall to his Crib; thence S. 39 D. W. 27 Poles and 22 Lengths to a Black-Oak Stump; thence S. 22 D. and 30 M. W. 48 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 88 D. W. 8 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence N. 85 D. W. 37 Poles to a small Black-Oak and Stones; thence S. 85 D. and 30 M. W. 16 Poles to the East End of Leach's Wall; thence S. 81 D. W. 19 Poles and 15 Lengths to the West End of Ditto; thence S. 74 D. and 30 M. W. 40 Poles and 9 Lengths to a Heap of Stones, for 10 Miles; thence S. 74 D. and 30 M. W. 19 Poles to the great Rock by the School-House; thence S. 70 D. W. 27 Poles and 7 Lengths to a Rock and Stones; thence S. 81 D. W. 19 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence N. 78 D. W. 22 Poles to Lockwood's Corner; thence N. 79 D. W. 20 Poles to a Rock and Stones; thence N. 86 D. W. 40 Poles to a Rock and Stones at James Andrews's House; thence S. 83 D. W. 42 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 66 D. W. 8 Poles and 16 Lengths to a Pine Tree; thence S. 76 D. W. 37 Poles to a Pine Stump; thence S. 76 D. and 30 M. W. 30 Poles and 20 Lengths to a Rock and Stones; thence S. 70 D. W. 16 Poles to a Rock and Stones; thence S. 53 D. and 30 M. W. 38 Poles and 7 Lengths to a Heap of Stones, 11 Miles; thence S. 53 D. and 30 M. W. 9 Poles to a White-Oak by a Brook; thence S. 83 D. and 30 M. W. 51 Poles to a White-Oak Tree; thence N. 69 D. W. 52 Poles to a Stake and Stones S. Side the Bridge; thence N. 76 D. W. 18 Poles to a Stake on the West Side of the Bridge; thence S. 79 D. W. 42 Poles to a small Pine-Tree upon the Hill; thence S. 73 D. W. 63 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 40 D. W. 23 Poles to a Black-Oak Stake; thence S. 27 D. W. 14 Poles to a Stone set in the Ground S. W. of a small Bridge; thence S. 58 D. and 30 M. W. 16 Poles and 20 Lengths to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 46 D. W. 27 Poles to a Black Oak Tree; thence S. 87 D. W. 4 Poles and 5 Lengths to a Stake and Stones, 12 Miles; thence S. 87 D. W. 10 Poles to a Black-Oak on the Side of a Hill; thence N. 71 D. W. 20 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 78 D. W. 8 Poles and 9 Lengths to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 48 D. and 15 M. W. 23 Poles and 9 Lengths to a Black-Oak; thence S. 39 D. W. 8 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 52 D. and 30 M. W. 98 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 52 D. and 30 M. W. 98 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 64 D. W. 16 Poles to a Heap of Stones S. of Gideon Angell's Wall; thence S. 68 D. W. 26 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 51 D. and 30 M. W. 23 Poles and 5 Lengths to a Stake and Stones on the West Side of the Bridge; thence S. 78 D. W. 26 Poles and 20 Lengths to a Stake and Stones; thence N. 81 D. W. 22 Poles to a large flat Stone; thence N. 88 D. W. 20 Poles and 7 Lengths to a Heap of Stones, 13 Miles; thence S. 86 D. and 30 M. W. 14 Poles to a great Rock; thence S. 74 D. W. 20 Poles to Killingly Road; thence S. 35 D. W. 74 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 47 D. and 30 M. W. 12 Poles to an End of Wall and Lane; thence S. 55 D. W. 54 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 72 D. W. 17 Poles

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Poles to a Rock and Stones; thence S. 51 D. W. 80 Poles to *Wilbur's Corner*; thence S. 69 D. and 30 M. W. 30 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 55 D. W. 19 Poles to a Heap of Stones, 1.4 Miles; thence S. 55 D. W. 42 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 65 D. W. 78 Poles to *Job Wilbur's Barn*; thence S. 71 D. 30 M. W. 91 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 73 D. W. 34 Poles to a Black-Birch near the Saw-Mill Pond; thence S. 80 D. W. 75 Poles to 2 Stakes, for 15 Miles; thence S. 80 D. W. 14 Poles and 17 Lengths to a Stake and Stones at a Line; thence S. 86 D. and 30 M. W. 11 Poles and 13 Lengths to a great Rock in the Woods; thence N. 88 D. W. 16 Poles to a Rock and Stones; thence S. 77 D. and 30 M. W. 129 Poles to *Foster Line*; thence S. 81 D. W. 41 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 80 D. W. 34 Poles to a Maple on a Rock; thence N. 88 D. W. 35 Poles and 20 Lengths to 2 Stakes, at 16 Miles; thence N. 88 D. W. 7 Poles and 5 Lengths by *Turtle-Pond*; thence S. 73 D. W. 27 Poles to a small Black-Oak; thence S. 86 D. W. 16 Poles and 10 Lengths to a Black-Oak Stump; thence N. 85 D. W. 18 Poles to a Chestnut Tree; thence S. 76 D. W. 57 Poles and 13 Lengths to a Chestnut Tree West of the Pond; thence S. 55 D. W. 36 Poles to a Stump; thence S. 15 D. W. 30 Poles to *Cranberry Bridge*; thence S. 20 D. W. 25 Poles to a White-Oak Tree; thence S. 42 D. and 30 M. W. 87 Poles to *B. Browning's and Samuel Thurston's Corner*; thence S. 51 D. and 30 M. W. 15 Poles and 18 Lengths to a yellow Bark Black-Oak, 17 Miles; thence S. 76 D. W. 13 Poles to an old Chestnut Tree; thence S. 89 D. W. 16 Poles to a Chestnut Tree; thence S. 82 D. and 30 M. W. 34 Poles to a Tree; thence S. 72 D. W. 26 Poles to a Red-Oak; thence W. 19 Poles to a Stump; thence S. 83 D. and 30 M. W. 52 Poles to a Chestnut Stump; thence S. 54 D. W. 38 Poles to a Heap of Stones; thence S. 33 D. and 30 M. W. 44 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 20 D. and 30 M. W. 46 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 49 D. W. 16 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 50 D. W. 16 Poles to 2 Stakes and Stones near an old White-Oak, for 18 Miles; thence S. 60 D. W. 46 Poles to a flat Rock by the Brook; thence S. 46 D. and 30 M. W. 12 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 48 D. W. 20 Poles to a Stake and Stones by an Apple Tree; thence S. 49 D. and 30 M. W. 18 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 41 D. W. 44 Poles to a Heap of Stones, S. of *Doctor Carpenter's*; thence S. 32 D. and 30 M. W. 20 Poles to 3 Rods from the S. E. Corner of *Fry's House*; thence S. 61 D. W. 64 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 53 D. W. 14 Poles to a Rock and Stones; thence S. 60 D. W. 82 Poles to *Vaughan's Hill*, 19 Miles; thence S. 56 D. and 30 M. W. 22 Poles to a Stake on the Top of *Vaughan's Hill*; thence S. 54 D. W. 30 Poles to a Stake by the End of the Wall; thence S. 47 D. and 30 M. W. 20 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 58 D. and 30 M. W. 51 Poles to a Rock by *Warwick Brook*, by *Richard Waterman's Land*; thence S. 36 D. and 30 M. W. 42 Poles to a Turn in the Wall; thence S. 70 D. W. 34 Poles to *Ezekiel Bennett's Barn*; thence S. 71 D. W.

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26 Poles and 20 Lengths to a White-Oak Tree; thence S. 51 D. W. 52 Poles to a Stake; thence S. 62 D. W. 26 Poles to the End of a Wall; thence S. 80 D. W. 16 Poles to 2 Stakes and Stones, for 20 Miles; thence S. 79 D. W. 136 Poles to a Heap of Stones 3 Rods from the S. E. Corner of *Lewis's* House; thence S. 80 D. and 30 M. W. 6 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 61 D. W. 154 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 49 D. W. 24 Poles to a Stump, 21 Miles; thence S. 49 D. W. 12 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 29 D. W. 46 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 52 D. W. 12 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 80 D. and 30 M. W. 162 Poles to a Stake; thence S. 73 D. W. 31 Poles to Col. *M'Gregor's* Crib; thence S. 76 D. and 30 M. W. 57 Poles to 2 Stakes and Stones, 22 Miles; thence S. 76 D. and 30 M. W. 17 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 67 D. and 30 M. W. 46 Poles to a Stump near Capt. *Gibbs's* House; thence S. 78 D. W. 39 Poles to a Rock in the Wall; thence N. 80 D. W. 25 Poles and 5 Lengths to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 63 D. and 30 M. W. 46 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 60 D. and 30 M. W. 22 Poles to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 72 D. W. 25 Poles and 15 Lengths to a Stake and Stones; thence S. 37 D. W. 27 Poles and 18 Lengths to a Pine Tree; thence S. 75 D. W. 79 Poles and 9 Lengths to *Connecticut* Line 23 Miles from *Providence* Bridge.

We have laid out and considered the said Road to be Three Rods wide the whole Distance; excepting at a Bridge noted in the Plat herewith presented, and at a Bridge called *Angell's* Bridge; at which Places we found it necessary to make the said Highway Four Rods wide and have laid it out accordingly as will appear by the said Plat. All which is submitted by

NOAH MATHEWSON,
THOMAS ALLIN,
GEORGE THOMAS, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby accepted: That where the Road, relayed agreeably to the said Report, encroaches upon the Lands of *Caleb Vaughan* the Proprietors of the Turnpike established upon the said Road shall pay to the said *Caleb Vaughan*, his Heirs or Assigns, such Sum as shall be adequate to the Injury sustained by such Encroachment: That, if the said Proprietors and the said *Caleb Vaughan* cannot agree upon the Sum for such Injury, the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. appoint Three Men, who are hereby authorized to cite the Parties, and ascertain the Sum of such Damage and report the same to the Parties: That either Party, if aggrieved at such Report, may appeal to the next Superior Court of Judicature, &c. to be holden in the County where the Lands lie; such aggrieved Party filing his Reasons of Appeal in the Clerk's Office of the said Court in the said County Five Days before the Sitting

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thereof; of which Appeal the Clerk shall notify the adverse Party: And Trial upon the Amount of such Damages shall be had by a Jury of the said Court; upon whose Verdict final Judgment shall be rendered: *Provided nevertheless*, That the Appellant shall pay all Costs unless the Jury shall vary the Sum of Damages adjudged by the Referees more favorably to such Appellant.

*J. Stafford
permitted
to erect a
Tide-Mill
at Oppo-
naugue
Bridge.*

Upon the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Warwick, praying that *John Stafford*, Esq. may be permitted to erect a Tide-Mill for the grinding of Corn and other Grain, at or near *Opponaugue* Bridge in the aforesaid Town, under the same Restrictions and Regulations that other Mills in this State have been built in general:

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted; and that the said *John Stafford* be authorized to erect a Tide-Mill at the Place mentioned in the said Petition: *Provided*, that the Mill-Dam be made and erected with suitable and proper Waste-Gates for venting the superfluous Water, and in such a Manner as not to back the Water or otherwise injure the Mills of *Mr. Caleb Greene*: *And provided also* that the said *John Stafford* shall make and leave open, at all proper Times, a suitable Passage, not less than Sixteen Feet in Width, in the said Dam for the passing of Rafts and Boats up and down the said River.

*48 D. al-
lowed
G. Brown.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Forty-eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to *George Brown*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the terms of that Court held since *October, A. D. 1795*, and for other Services performed out of Term-Time.

*6 D. allow-
ed J. East-
on.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Six Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Mr. John Easton*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Stones and Gravel to repair the Steps of the State-House in *Newport*.

*6 D. 25 C.
allowed
C. Peirce.*

WHEREAS Christopher Peirce, Esq. One of the Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*, represented to this Assembly that by a Misapprehension of the Law he hath paid into the General Treasury *Six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents*, collected by him for Fines, which ought by Law to have been paid into the Town-Treasury, and prayed that the same may be reimbursed to him; and that a Note of *Thomas Wilcox*, being Part of the said Sum paid in, may be restored to him: Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Operation of an Act, passed by this Assembly at the Session held in June, A. D. 1794, entitled, "An Act directing Justices of the Peace and Wardens to render an Account of the Fines received by them for the Use of the State;" and also of an Act of this Assembly passed at the Session held in May, A. D. 1796, entitled "An Act in Addition to and Amendment of the Act passed at the Session held in June, A. D. 1794, directing Justices of the Peace to make Return of the Fines by them collected," be suspended until the Second Day of the next Session of this Assembly.

Additional
Act require-
ing Justices
to return an
Account of
Fines.

Provided nevertheless, That no Justice of the Peace or Warden proceed upon the Duties of his Office until he shall have made Return to the General-Treasurer agreeably to the Requirements of the said Acts, and procured the General-Treasurer's Certificate thereof, and deposited the same in the Clerk's Office of the Town for which he is elected: And provided also that the above Proviso shall have Operation only against those Justices or Wardens who were elected the last Year, and were re-elected at the last Session of this Assembly, and who have not made Returns as required by the said Acts, or who may be re-elected at the present Session.

An ACT directing the Times and Places of holding the Terms of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, and of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within this State.

Being Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That the Terms of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in this State shall, from and after the First Day of September next, be annually holden in and for the respective Counties, at the Times and Places following, to wit: At Newport, within and for the County of Newport, on the Third Monday in May, and on the Second Monday in November; at Providence, within and for the County of Providence, on the Fourth Monday in May, and on the Third Monday in December; at South-Kingstown, within and for the County of Washington, on the the Second Monday in February, and on the Second Monday in August; at Bristol, within and for the County of Bristol, on the Second Monday in January, and on the First Monday in June; at East-Greenwich, within and for the County of Kent, on the Third Monday in February, and on the Third Monday in August.

Act altering
the Terms
of the
Courts of
Common
Law.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Terms of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery shall be annually held at the Times and Places following

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lowing, to wit: At *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the First Monday in *March*, and on the Fourth Monday in *August*; at *Providence*, within and for the County of *Providence*, on the Third Monday in *March*, and on the Third Monday in *September*; at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the County of *Washington*, on the Fourth Monday in *April*, and on the Second Monday in *October*; at *Bristol*, within and for the County of *Bristol*, on the Second Monday in *March*, and on the Second Monday in *September*; at *East Greenwich*, within and for the County of *Kent*; on the Second Monday in *April*, and on the First Monday in *October*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Laws heretofore made directing the Times and Places of holding the said Courts, shall continue in Force until the said First Day of September; after which Time they shall cease to operate.

Courts to be holden after Sept. 1. next to take Cognizance of Suits commenced at the former stated Term.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Processses already commenced, continued or made returnable to any Term of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, or to any Court of Common Pleas or General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in any County in this State after the Third Day of September next, shall be returned heard and tried at the Terms of the said Courts to be holden next after the said First Day of September, by Virtue of an Act passed by this Assembly at the present Session, directing the Times and Places for holding the Courts aforesaid, in the same Manner as they might have been returned, heard and tried at the Terms of the said Courts that would have been holden if the Act aforesaid had not passed.

Report of the Com. appointed to take a general Estimate.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to take a general Estimate of rateable Property presented the following Report to this Assembly, to wit:

We the Subscribers, appointed by the General Assembly, at the Session in *June*, A. D. 1795, a Committee to take a general Estimate of the rateable Property of the State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. beg Leave to make the following Report, that, agreeably to our Appointment, we have received from the Committees appointed by the several Towns the Bills of Estimate of each Individual, the Valuation put on those Individuals by the Committees, together with the Tax and Valuation Bills of the Towns, by comparing which Bills, together with such other Information as we have been able to obtain, we have agreed upon the following Sums as the Proportion of each Town. Which is submitted by

JOHN L. BOSS,	Committee.
JOHN DAVIS,	
JOSEPH STANTON, <i>jun.</i>	
ELISHA R. POTTER,	
THOMAS ALLIN,	
WILLIAM GREENE,	

ISAAC JOHNSON,

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Towns.	Estimated Value. Dollars.	Towns.	Estimated Value. Dollars.
Newport,	1,450,000	West-Greenwich,	280,000
Providence,	2,950,000	Exeter,	360,000
Portsmouth,	450,000	Middletown,	324,000
Warwick,	605,000	Bristol,	600,000
Westerly,	370,000	Tiverton,	520,000
New-Scorham,	130,000	Little Compton,	325,000
North-Kingstown,	490,000	Warren,	311,793
South-Kingstown,	720,000	Cumberland,	350,000
East-Greenwich,	280,000	Richmond,	210,000
Jamestown,	224,484	Cranston,	490,000
Smithfield,	758,523	Hopkinton,	350,000
Scituate,	479,543	Johnston,	330,000
Glocester,	721,657	North-Providence,	380,000
Charlestown,	280,000	Barrington,	110,000
Coventry,	330,000	Fox, Foster,	320,000
		Total	15,500,000

Upon due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the aforesaid estimated Value of the several Towns in the State be received and established as the Rule of Taxation.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Hundred Dollars be allowed and paid to Henry Sberburne, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, as a Compensation; over and above the Salary allowed by Law, for his Services as General-Treasurer previous to the Commencement of the present Year.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That in future the General-Treasurer Salary of this State shall be allowed Six Hundred Dollars per Annum, from the Commencement of the present Year, for his Services in discharging the Duties of that Office.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary, and the General-Treasurer report to this Assembly, at the next Session, all Debts due to the State from Individuals, agreeably to the Documents they may find in their respective Offices, or elsewhere.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby directed to examine the Accounts subsisting between the State and the Estate of the late Thomas Aldrich, Esq. deceased; and exhibit a Claim in behalf of the State for what shall appear to be due to the Assignees of the said Estate; and that he make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

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WHEREAS

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129 D. 44 C. WHEREAS *Daniel Updike*, Esq. exhibited an Account to this Assembly, for his Attendance, as Attorney-General, upon the Courts of Common Law, and for his Fees upon divers Bills of Indictments; which was by the House of Representatives submitted to a Committee, who made the following Report thereon; to wit:

We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee on the Account of *Daniel Updike*, Esq. as late Attorney-General, having examined his Account, and Vouchers, and compared his Charges with the Table of Fees, and also attended to the Certificate of the General-Treasurer, beg Leave to report, that there is due to the said *Daniel Updike* thereon *One Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Forty-four Cents*. JOHN L. BOSS,
SIMEON MARTIN, } Committee.

Newport, June 17th, 1796.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; and that the aforesaid Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Forty-four Cents* be paid to the said *Daniel Updike*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

173 D. al-
lowed J.
Wanton.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Mr. John Wanton*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services in examining all Vessels arriving in the Port of *Newport*, as Health-Officer, in the Years 1794, and 1795, pursuant to the Order of his Excellency the Governor.

600 D. al-
lowed the
Gov. for his
Salary.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency, *Arthur Fenner*, Esq. be allowed *Six Hundred Dollars*, for his Services as Governor of the State from *May, A. D. 1795*, to *May, A. D. 1796*; and that the same be paid him out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

200 D. al-
lowed the
Dep. Gov.
for his Sala-
ry.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Hundred Dollars* be allowed to the Honorable *Samuel J. Potter*, Esq. for his Services as Deputy-Governor of the State from *May, A. D. 1795*, to *May, A. D. 1796*; and that the same be paid him, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

113 D. 14 C.
allowed H.
Ward.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Thirteen Dollars and Fourteen Cents* be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for making out *Two Hundred and Sixty-five Commissions* for Officers who were by Law entitled to

Commissions,

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Commissions, for preparing and sending to the proper Officers the public Acts and Orders passed at the last Session, and for divers other Services, as Secretary, since the last Session

WHEREAS his Excellency Arthur Fenner, Esq. who was appointed to sell a Quantity of Musket Cartridges belonging to the State, exhibited unto this Assembly a particular Account of the Sales of the Powder and of the Charges attending it, of which the following is a Statement, *to wit*:

Gov. Fen-
ner's Ac-
count adjust-
ed.

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with Arthur Fenner.

	D. C.
To the Expences of starting the Powder, providing Casks, &c.	43 0
Balance due to the State,	<u>780 35</u>
	<u>823 35</u>

Creditor.

	D. C.
By the Amount of the Sales of the Powder, sold to differ- ent Persons, at various Prices,	<u>823 35</u>

The Musket Balls are in the Boxes in which the Cartridges were packed and in my Possession.—There is also One Cask of Flints, belonging to the State, in the Possession of *Jabez Bowen*, Esq.

A. FENNER.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Account be accepted: That the Sum of *Fifty Dollars* be allowed to his Excellency for his Services in the said Business: And that he pay the Balance then remaining, being *Seven Hundred and Thirty Dollars and Thirty-five Cents*, into the General Treasury.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency be and he is hereby requested to make Sale of the abovementioned Musket Balls and Flints upon the best Terms he can; and that he make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Dollars and Twelve Cents* 7 D. 12 1/2 C. and an Half be allowed and paid to Mr. *Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Goal in the County of *Newport*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Maintenance and Prison Fees of a poor Prisoner committed at the Suit of the State, for divers Necessaries, provided for the Use of this Assembly and the Courts, and for Repairs in and about the State-House.

allowed
T. Tew.

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6 D. allowed *J. Richards.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. John Richards out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

9 D. allow-
ed *J. Tew.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. James Tew, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

6 D. allowed *T. Melvill.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Melvill out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as, a Waiter.*

53 D. 81 C.
2 M. allow-
ed *N. Phil-
lips.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty-three Dollars Eighty-one Cents and Two Mills be allowed and paid to Mr. Nathaniel Phillips out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for printing done for the State from the Session in February last to the present Time.*

18 D. 10 C.
allowed *W.
King.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eighteen Dollars and Ten Cents be allowed and paid to William V. King, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the last and present Session, as Clerk of the House of Representatives, and for providing Paper and Quills.*

6 D. allow-
ed *T. Tew.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Tew, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session as a Waiter.*

160 D. 50 C.
allowed *N.
Mathewson.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to Noah Mathewson, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Balance of his Account, for his Services as one of the State's Committee for taking a general Estimate ; his Wages being estimated at Three Dollars and Fifty Cents per Day.*

160 D. 50 C.
allowed
*J. L. Bass,
T. Davis,
J. Dorrance,
J. Stanton, Jr.
E.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed to each of the following Persons, to wit : Mr. John L. Bass, John Davis, Esq. John Dorrance, Esq. Joseph J. Dorrance, Stanton, jun. Esq. Elisha R. Potter, Esq. Thomas Allin, Esq. Jacob J. Stanton, Jr. Eod Cole, Esq. Mr. William Greene, and Isaac Johnson, Esq. it being the*

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the Balance of their respective Accounts, for their Services as Members of the State's Committee for taking a general Estimate; that the said *William Greene* be allowed the further Sum of *Four Dollars and Fifty-two Cents* for divers necessary Expences which were incurred; and that the said Sums be paid to the said Persons respectively, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifteen Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Daniel Updike*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as One of the Committee appointed to adjust the Accounts of the late Collectors of the State's Impost.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Mr. Richard Jackson, jun.* out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as One of the Committee appointed to adjust the Accounts of the late Collectors of the State's Impost.

Both Houses being joined in a Grand Committee elected the Officers Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the Subsequent List to *elected*. the Offices ascribed to them respectively, *to wit* :

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Warwick :

Edward Holden, Esq.

South-Kingstown :

Josephus Peckham, Esq.

Bristol :

Thomas Swan, Esq.

Hopkinton :

Thomas P. Gardner, Esq.

Fox :

Nehemiah Angell, Esq.

Hezekiah Simmons, Esq.

NOTE The abovenamed Justices are in Addition to those chosen at the last Session.

Scituate :

John Harris,

Daniel Westcott,

Stephen Harris,

John Wilkinson,

Benjamin Angell,

Jeremiah Stone,

Gideon Austin, jun.

Peleg Fisk, jun.

Esquires.

Glocester :

Zebedee Hopkins,

John Smith (Son of Benj.)

Timothy Wilmarth,

Martin Smith,

Nathaniel Wade,

Samuel Winsor,

Richard Steere, jun.

Israel Cooke,

William Arnold,

Daniel Tourtellot,

Jesse Armstrong,

Esquires.

Exeter :

Stephen Reynolds,

Christopher Peirce,

Nicholas Gardner (Son of

Ezekiel)

Samuel

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Samuel Bissell,
 Jonathan Lillibridge,
 Stephen Champlin,
 Jeffery Hazard,
 Lillibridge Barber,
 Daniel Tillinghast,

Daniel Sunderlin, *jun.*
 Asa Wilcox,
 Nathan Rathbun,
 Robert Crandall,
Esquires.

MILITARY OFFICERS.

Benjamin Taylor, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Joseph Noyes, jun. Esq. First Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

OFFICERS of INFANTRY COMPANIES.

First Regiment in the County of
Newport.

Newport, Third Company;
 James Anthony, *Lieutenant*,
 Joshua Hiscox, *Ensign*.

Jamestown Company :
 Daniel Howland, *Captain*,
 Thomas Carr, *Lieutenant*,
 John Carr, *Ensign*.

Middletown Company :
 Samuel Coggeshall, *Captain*,
 Jonathan Coggeshall, *Lieut.*
 Giles Manchester, *Ensign*.

First Regiment in the County of
Providence:

Providence, Second Company :
 Benjamin Howland, *Lieutenant*.
North-Providence, First Comp.
 Elisha Smith, *Ensign*.

First Regiment in the County of
Washington:

Westerly, First Company :
 Jared Babcock, *Captain*,
 John Barber, *Lieutenant*,
 John Fowler, *Ensign*.

Hopkinton, Fourth Company :
 John Tanner, *Captain*,

Matthew Stillman, *Lieutenant*,
 Caleb Church (*the 2d*) *Ensign*.

Second Regiment in the County
of Newport :

Tiverton, Second Company :
 Baulston Brayton, *Captain*,
 Jonathan Borden, *Lieutenant*.

Third Company :
 Joseph Cooke, *Ensign*,

Second Regiment in the County
of Providence:

Smitfield, Second Company :
 Cyrus Arnold, *Lieutenant*,
 Asa Arnold, *Ensign*.

Second Regiment in the County
of Washington :

North-Kingstown, First Comp.
 Royal Vaughan, *Captain*,
 Daniel Hunt, *Lieutenant*,
 Joseph Corey (*Son of W^m.*) *Ensign*.

Exeter Senior Class Company :

Oliver Spink, *Captain*,
 Ebenezer Wilcox, *Lieutenant*,
 Jeffery Hazard, *Ensign*.

Third Company :
 Jonathan Wilcox, *Ensign*.

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Second Regiment in the County
of Kent :

Coventry, Third Company :
Solomon Mathewson, *Captain*,
Reuben Knight, *Lieutenant*,
Silas Weaver, *Ensign*.

Third Regiment in the County
of Providence :

Scituate Senior Class Company :
Gideon Austin, *jun. Ensign*.

Fourth Regiment in the County
of Providence :

Glocester Third Company :
Nicholas Keach, *Lieutenant*.

Fifth Regiment in the County
of Providence :

Foxer Third Company :
Abraham Phillips, *Captain*,
Aller Bennett, *Lieutenant*,
Nathaniel Phillips, *Ensign*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *Sylvester Gardner*, *S. Gardner* Esq. be further referred ; that *George Champtin*, *Archibald Crary*, *Petition for Simeon Martin*, and *Henry Sberburne*, Esq's. be, and they are here. *ther refer- red.* by appointed a Committee to examine into, and consider the same ; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That until the next Session of this Assembly the Justices of the Courts of Common Pleas, shall and may receive *Eighty-seven Cents and an Half*, and the Clerks of the said Courts *Twelve Cents and an Half*, for the Entry of every Action or Petition in the said Courts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Operation of the Act entitled *"An Act for incorporating The River-Machine Company, in the Town of Providence"* be, and the same is hereby suspended until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Petitioners whose Petitions are entered on the Docket for Trial at this Session of Assembly, and who have been liberated from Confinement by Order of this Assembly, or who are now imprisoned, and have prayed to be liberated from their confinement, shall be liberated therefrom until the next Session of this Assembly, upon their giving Bonds to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties where they are committed to return to Gaol, at the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session, in Case the Prayer of their respective Petitions shall not be then granted : And that no Person who hath a Petition pending before this Assembly, praying for a Stay of Proceedings, shall be imprisoned before the next Session of this Assembly, by Virtue of any Execution that hath been or may be issued in the Cases mentioned in their respective Petitions.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifteen Dollars* be allowed and ^{15 D. allow.} paid to Mr. *Joseph Rice*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, ^{ed J. Rice.} or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his

Services

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Services as One of the Committee appointed to adjust the Accounts of the late Collectors of the State's Impost.

12 D. allowed H. Ward. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Twelve Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward, Esq.* out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Secretary.

100 D. allowed E. Gorton. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *One Hundred Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Mr. Edward Gorton*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, as a Compensation for his Services as Clerk to *Mr. John Wanton*, when Collector of the State's Impost for the District of *Newport*.

An ACT for granting and apportioning a Tax of Twenty Thousand Dollars, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

Tax apportioned. **B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax for raising the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, be assessed upon the Rateable Estates and Polls of the Inhabitants of this State, to be collected and paid into the General Treasury of this State, on or before the First Day of January next: And that the same be apportioned to and for such Uses as the General Assembly shall or may hereafter direct.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be Fifty Cents, and that all Male Persons, of the Age of Twenty-one Years, and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Tax shall be assessed upon the several Towns, in this State, and apportioned upon the same, by the Secretary, agreeably to the Estimate of Taxable Property, as passed at the present Session.

THE following are the Proportions of the several Towns as ordered to be apportioned, *so wit:*

	D. C. M.	D. C. M.
<i>Newport</i> shall pay,	1870 94 5	
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	580 64 6	
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	167 74 2	
<i>Jamestown,</i>	289 65 5	
<i>Middletown,</i>	418 6 4	
<i>Tiverton,</i>	670 96 7	
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	419 35 5	
	<hr/>	
	4417 37 2	
		<i>Providence</i>

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	D. C. M.	D. C. M.
Providence,	3806 41 9	
Smithfield,	978 73 9	
Scituate,	618 76 5	
Glocester,	931 17 0	
Cumberland,	451 61 3	
Cranston,	632 25 8	
Johnston,	425 80 6	
Norib-Providence,	490 32 2	
Foster,	412 96 0	
	<hr/>	8748 5 2
Westerly,	477 41 9	
North-Kingstown,	632 25 8	
South-Kingstown,	929 5 4	
Charlestown,	361 29 0	
Exeter,	464 51 6	
Richmond,	270 96 7	
Hopkinton,	451 61 3	
	<hr/>	3587 11 7
Bristol,	774 18 0	
Warren,	402 31 3	
Barrington,	141 93 5	
	<hr/>	1318 42 8
Warwick,	780 64 5	
East-Greenwich,	361 29 0	
West-Greenwich,	361 29 0	
Coventry,	425 80 6	
	<hr/>	1929 3 1
	<hr/>	Dolls. 20000

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient, until the same be paid: That the Towns which shall be delinquent shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer: That the Collectors of the Taxes in the several Towns be, and they are hereby empowered and directed to collect the Interest, with the Principal, from the delinquent Individuals after the aforesaid Time: And that in Case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer against the Treasurer of any delinquent Town, the Collectors be, and they are hereby directed and empowered to collect from the Individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expences, which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true Bill or List of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they shall respectively belong, on or before the Fifteenth Day of September next, who is hereby required to send a Copy thereof;

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thereof, within Six Days from his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer: That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed and required, to issue his Warrant, within Four Days, to the several Town-Treasurers, to be by them directed to the several Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay unto the General-Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect: And that the several Collectors of Taxes be, and they are hereby directed and required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.

AND be it further Enacted, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees, that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting its Part of the aforesaid Tax: And that upon the Neglect or Refusal of any Town in this State to assess, levy, collect and pay into the General-Treasury their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax; which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town-Treasurer in each respective Town in this State be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sue out and prosecute the Bond or Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the laid Tax, to a Special Court of Common Pleas in the County where such Bond or Security shall be so taken; which Special Court of Common Pleas shall be convened in the usual Manner, have the same Power that Special Courts have heretofore had in this State, and take the same Fees. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town-Clerks in the several Towns in this State be, and they are hereby required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers, and Collectors of Taxes, of their respective Towns to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-Bill.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Assessors be, and they are hereby empowered to consider the Circumstances of the Poor, in their respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax as they shall think are unable to pay the same.

And be it further Enacted, That the several Towns be, and they are hereby empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said Tax be received by the Collectors, and paid into the General-Treasury, in Silver or Gold, in the Notes of the Providence or Rhode-Island Banks, in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State on May, A. D. 1786, at the established

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lished Rate of Exchange, and in Orders drawn on the General-Treasury.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to send a Copy of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in the State, within Twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him forthwith delivered to the Assessors or Ratemakers of his Town.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Rate-Bills and Valuation-Bills of the several Towns, laid before this Assembly by the State's Committee for taking the General Estimate, be returned to the respective Towns to which they properly belong.

The following Statement of an Account, and Report thereon, was made to this Assembly, *to wit* :

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with John Wanton, as Collector of the State's Impost for the District of Newport.

1791. To the neat Amount of Bounties and Drawbacks on sundry Goods exported, as per Account exhibited,

To the Amount of Money paid to the Inspectors, &c. as per Account exhibited,

To the Loss on 1 Hogshead of Tobacco received from Samuel and James Martin in Payment of Duties,

To 9 Months Rent of the Office, at 5 Dollars per Month,

To the Amount of Money paid into the General Treasury, as per the General-Treasurer's Receipt for the same, £ 5036 9 9 equal to

To the Amount of Duties not collected; as per Account exhibited,

To the Amount of Money paid into the General Treasury, as per the General-Treasurer's Receipt,

To my Services in waiting and attending at the Office, after the new Constitution was adopted by this State, to receive the Amount of Drawbacks on Goods exported, and employing a Clerk 304 Days,

D. C.

4513 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

496 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

16 0

45 0

1119 21

935 29

200 0

400 0

7725 19

Creditor.

1790, } By the neat Amount of the Imports, as per June, } Account exhibited,

Balance due to John Wanton.

D. C.

7434 72 $\frac{1}{2}$

290 46 $\frac{1}{2}$

7725 19

Errors excepted,

JOHN WANTON.

WE

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We the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine and settle the Accounts of Mr. John Wanton, late Collector of the State's Impost for the District of Newport, submit the following Report, that, agreeably to our Appointment, we have carefully examined his Accounts, and find that the whole Amount of the Duties entered at that Office, during the Time he was Collector, is *Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-four Dollars Seventy-two Cents and an Half*; that the Amount of Drawbacks allowed by him is *Four Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen Dollars Five Cents and an Half*; that there is a Balance due to the said John Wanton, of *Two Hundred and Ninety Dollars Forty-six Cents and an Half*; and that there remains due to the State from Individuals *Nine Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars Twenty-nine Cents and an Half*. All which appears by the above Statement, and the other Documents herewith presented.—We have to observe, that unfortunately the Rats destroyed many of the Certificates on which the Drawbacks were allowed, which prevented your Committee's comparing them with the Accounts. The Books of the Collector appear to have been accurately kept; and we have no Reason to suppose but that the Accounts of Mr. Wanton are right.

RICHARD JACKSON, jun.

DANIEL UPDIKE,

JOSEPH RICE.

Committee.

Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; that Two Hundred and Ninety Dollars Forty-six Cents and an Half, being the Balance therein stated, be paid to the said John Wanton, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, whenever the Balances due from certain Individuals to the said John Wanton, as late Collector of the State's Impost, shall be collected and placed therein.

Attorney
General to
see for Dut-
ties due in
the District
of Newport.

THE following List of Duties due from divers Persons to Mr. John Wanton, as late Collector of the State's Impost for the District of Newport, is one of the Documents mentioned in the Report of the Committee who adjusted his Accounts, to wit:

	D. G.	D. C.
John Topbam, deceased,	210 92	Caleb Weeden, and Co. 19 44
Sbearjaſhub Bourne,	65 14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Caleb & Charles Briggs, 6 39
Samuel Wardwell,	124 91 $\frac{1}{2}$	John Hull, 44 26
Nathaniel Clarke,	18 79 $\frac{1}{2}$	John Sprague, 4 32
Andrew Groffrey, dec.	23 86 $\frac{1}{2}$	Stephen Smith, of Bris- tol; Entry of the Sch.
Whiting and Smart,	31 31 $\frac{1}{2}$	Betsy, Isaac Gorham,
Mumford and Smart,	32 19 $\frac{1}{2}$	Master, not account- ed for, being entered
John Hicks,	59 35	42 28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Eliſa Brown,	16 65	John Reynolds, and Co. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5
William Brightman and		William Brightman and
Jofeph Cozzens,	34 53 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 53 $\frac{1}{2}$

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	D. C.		D. C.
Benjamin Fry,	25 18 $\frac{1}{2}$	James Henderson,	2 79
Rowse Babcock, and } Company, Westerly, } 24 24 $\frac{1}{2}$		Joseph Wood,	0 54
Robert Ambrose	4 93	Slocum Fowler,	1 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Brown & Rogers, Prov. 48 13	<hr/> 935 29

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby directed to prosecute the abovenamed Persons (excepting for the Money due from the Heirs of Col. John Topham, deceased) at the First Term of the Court of Common Pleas that may be convenient, unless the Demands shall be sooner paid, and place the Money when collected in the General Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Session of the General Assembly, which of Course is to be holden on the last Wednesday in October next, be held on the last Monday in the said Month, in the State-House at Providence: Any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, and transmit them to the several Towns in the usual Manner: And that this Assembly stand adjourned to the Saturday next preceding the last Monday in October next, if then called; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is, dissolved.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND):
PRINTED BY NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, PRINTER TO THE STATE.
M,DCC,XCVI,

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Twenty-first Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Esq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Esq.*. }
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Esq.*. }
WALTER WATSON, *Esq.*. }
JOHN COOKE, *Esq.*. }
JAMES CONGDON, *Esq.*. }
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Esq.*. }
PELEG CLARKE, *Esq.*. }
JOB WATSON, *Esq.*. }
JOHN HARRIS, *Esq.*. } ASSISTANTS.

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Champlin, *Esq.*
 John Handy, *Esq.*
 Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
 Mr. John L. Bois,
 Archibald Crary, *Esq.*
 Simeon Martin, *Esq.*

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
 Charles Lippitt, *Esq.*
 John Smith, *Esq.*
 Mr. Richard Jackson, *jun.*

PORTSMOUTH :

Abraham Anthony, *jun.* *Esq.*
 Mr. Thomas Potter,
 Mr. Richard Shearman,
 Benjamin Brownell, *Esq.*

WARWICK :

Moses Arnold, *Esq.*
 Anthony Holden, *Esq.*
 Thomas Holden, *Esq.*
 Mr. Job Greene.

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, *Esq.*
 Rowse Babcock, *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. John Sands.
 NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Allen, *Esq.*
 George Thomas, *Esq.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Elisha R. Potter, *Esq.*
 Rowland Brown, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. George Tillinghast,
 Richard Mathewson, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Howland,
 Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq.*

SMITHFIELD :

Job Aldrich, *Esq.*
 Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, *Esq.*
 Job Randall, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, *Esq.*

Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq.*

Mr. Edward Wilcox.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Ishmael Nichols,
 Amos Jaqways, *Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Joseph Rice, *Esq.*
 Mr. Thomas Waterman.

EXETER :

Mr. James Clarke,
 Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Joshua Peckham,
 Mr. Isaac Barker.

BRISTOL :

Samuel Wardwell, *Esq.*
 Loring Peck, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

Thomas Durfee, *Esq.*
 Christopher Manchester, *Esq.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Nathaniel Searle, *Esq.*
 John Davis, *Esq.*

WARREN :

Mr. Charles Wheaton,
 Ichabod Cole, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. David Sayles,
 Mr. John Wolcott.

RICHMOND :

Jonathan Maxson, *Esq.*
 Thomas James, *Esq.*

CRANSTON :

John R. Arnold, *Esq.*
 John Mawney, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, *Esq.*
 Oliver Davis, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON :

Mr. Edward Manton,
 Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, *Esq.*
 Stephen Jenckes, *jun.* *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, *Esq.*
 James Martin, *Esq.*

FOSTER :

John Williams, *Esq.*
 Mr. Jonathan Hopkins, *jun.*

*The Honorable Elisha R. Potter, *Esq.* was chosen Speaker, and Mr. William Marchant Clerk, of the House of Representatives.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Sixty-six Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Walter Cooke*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services in attending as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. at the Fall Circuits.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Ten Dollars and fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Mr. Henry Barber*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Printing done for the State to the present Time.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he is hereby directed to purchase Two Dozen of Winsor Chairs, at the Expence of the State, and place them in the State-House in *Providence*, for the Use of the General Assembly and the Courts.

WHEREAS *Luke Arnold* of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Providence*, Labourer, preferred a Petition to this Assembly and represented, that about Eight Years ago he was convicted of being concerned in stealing a Firkin of Butter and some Sheep; that he paid his Fine and all Costs, and made Satisfaction to the Persons injured; and that he hath ever since demeaned himself as an honest Man and an orderly Citizen; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to restore him to his Privileges: And whereas a considerable Number of respectable Inhabitants of the County of *Providence* recommended him as a fit Object of Forgiveness, and joined in the Prayer of his Petition:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted; and that the said *Luke Arnold* be, and he is hereby restored to all the Rights, Privileges and Franchises of a free Citizen of this State as fully as if he had never been convicted of the Crime aforesaid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Twenty Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Plesey Arnold*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services in attending as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. at the Fall Circuits.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Robert Jones* and his Daughter, *R. Jones and his Daughter* who are now Prisoners on Criminal Process in the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, be forthwith liberated, upon their giving their Obligation to the General-Treasurer to pay all Costs which have arisen to the State upon the said Criminal Process; and upon Condition, that they and the Family of the said *Robert Jones* sent themselves from this State within Thirty Days after the Riving of this Assembly: And that after the Expiration of the said Thirty Days, if

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if the said *Robert* or his said Daughter shall be found within the Limits of this State, then any of the Authority thereof shall again commit them to close Gaol in the said County, there to be held agreeably to the original Sentence by which they now stand committed.

Report upon *B. Howland's Ac-
count.* WHEREAS the Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, at the last Session to audit the Account of *Benjamin Howland*, Esq. presented to this Assembly the following Statement of his Account, and Report thereon, *to wit*:

The State of Rhode-Island, &c. Dr. to Benjamin Howland.

To Cash paid for Materials to repair the State- House in the County of Kent, and for the Labour, - - - - -	} £. 27 1 1½
To my Time in procuring the Materials, and attending upon the Business, - - - - -	} 3 0 0
	£. 30 1 1½

Creditor.

By Cash received of the General-Treasurer, Balance due to <i>Benjamin Howland</i> ,	30 0 0 0 1 1½
	£. 30 1 1½

East-Greenwich, October 25th, 1796.

PURSUANT to our Appointment we have examined the foregoing Account, and compared the Charges with the Vouchers, and find that there is a Balance due to *Benjamin Howland*, Esq. of One Shilling and One Penny Half-penny, equal to Eighteen Cents and an Half. Which is submitted by

*JOB GREENE,
RICHARD MATHEWSON,* } Committee.

Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Balance of Eighteen Cents and an Half be paid to the said *Benjamin Howland*, out of the General-Treasury.

Governor's
Appoint-
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proved.

WHEREAS, previous to the late Regimental Reviews, in the Counties of *Washington* and *Kent*, and in the Receipts of this Assembly, his Excellency the Governor appointed *Benjamin Lewis*, Esq. of *Exeter*, Second Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*; and *Browning Nichols*, Captain, *Daniel Taylor*, Lieutenant, and *Benjamin Gardner*, Ensign, of the First Company of Infantry in the Town of *East-Greenwich*.

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IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Appointments be and hereby are approved; and that the Commissions issued to the said Officers have the same Force and Effect as if they had been elected to their respective Offices by this General Assembly.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to adjust the Accounts of Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. presented unto this Assembly his Accounts, of which a Statement is below, and also the following Report upon ^{E. Thompson's Ac. counts.} Report upon ^{E. Thompson's Ac. counts.} thereon, to wit:

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account Current with Ebenezer Thompson.

To Cash paid sundry Persons,	£. 185 14 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ditto paid Joseph Clarke, Esq. General-Treasurer,	297 8 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
William Channing, Esq. for Corn delivered to his Order, to be paid in Orders on the General-Treasury,	58 13 4.
Messrs. Fenner and White for ditto, to be paid by an Order on the General-Treasury,	58 0 0
My Commissions on receiving Entries, extending Accounts, and bonding dutiable Merchandise entered at my Office, together with receiving and making Sale of sundry Articles received in Discharge of Duties, &c. &c. estimated at 5 per Cent, upon £. 7646 7 0 amount to	382 7 4
Balance due to the State of Rhode-Island, &c.	129 17 5
	£. 1112 1 6 $\frac{3}{4}$

Creditor.

By the Amount of Duties, &c. received in the Office,	£. 1112 1 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
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We the Subscribers being appointed by the General Assembly, at the Session in February, A. D. 1796, a Committee to examine and settle the Accounts of Ebenezer Thompson, Esq. the late Collector of this State's Impost for the District of Providence, herewith present his Accounts, and beg Leave to report, that, agreeably to our Appointment, we have carefully examined them, and find that there is due to the State from the said Ebenezer Thompson, One Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence, if his Charges for Commissions, for Corn delivered to Messrs. Fenner and White, and to William Channing, Esq. are allowed by the General Assembly.—It appears by the Collector's Books that there is due from the undenamed Persons for Duties, for which no Actions have been commenced, the following Sums, to wit:

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John Arnold,	£.	1	14	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	on Bond.
Joseph Hoyle,		22	10	1	ditto.
Lewis Thomas,		3	17	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	ditto.
Samuel Chace,		12	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	No Bond.
Daniel Coffin,		6	5	10	ditto.

It also appears, that Eight Hogsheads of Tobacco, received by the Collector in Payment of Duties, are entirely damaged and of no Value. All which is submitted by

RICHARD JACKSON, jun. }
DANIEL UPDIKE, }
JOSEPH RICE, } Committee.

Providence, April 7th, 1796.

Note by the Collector.

Lewis Thomas's Duties in Brigantine *Trinidad*, with others were suspended by an Act of the General Assembly; she having arrived after the Adoption of the Constitution of the United States. She entered June, 15, A. D. 1790.

ACCORDING to the best of my Memory, Daniel Coffin and Samuel Chace, having shipped all their Goods to Nantucket immediately on their Arrival at this Port, the Collector was not able to oblige them to comply with the Law and give Bond.

Joseph Hoyle hath Evidence of Drawbacks nearly to the Amount of his Duties. Through a Mistake of the Committee, or of the Collector, his Account was not considered by the Committee.

EBENEZER THOMPSON,
late Collector of the State's Impost.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be accepted; that the Charge made by the said Ebenezer Thompson in his Account, for Commissions be allowed; that the Charges for Cors delivered to Messrs. Fenn and White, and to William Channing, Esq. be not allowed; but that the same be added to the Balance reported by the Committee to be due from the said Ebenezer Thompson to the State, which makes the same *Eight Hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars, Seventy-nine Cents*: And that the said Ebenezer Thompson pay that Sum into the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in Orders of this Assembly upon the General-Treasurer.

65 D. 90 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That ^{allowed to} *Sixty-five Dollars, and Ninety* _{*I. Manchester*} *Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Israel Manchester, out of the* _{*General Treasury*} *in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by* _{*this State*} *at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the* _{*Amount of his Account to the present time, as Keeper of the*} *Gaol*

Gaol in the County of Providence, for Repairs made on the Gaol, and for his Attendance, as special Sheriff, upon the Superior Court, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eighty-eight Dollars be allowed 88 D. allowed to *T. Tillinghast*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services in attending, as an Assistant Justice, upon the Superior Court, &c. at the Fall Terms.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Thomas Potter, John L. Boss, Charles Lippitt, Jonathan Hopkins, jun. Thomas Noyes, George Thomas, Samuel Wardwell, James Martin, Job Greene, Thomas Waterman, the Secretary, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives*, be, and they are hereby, appointed to count the Proxes for the State in the Fifth Congress of the United States: And that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Greene* be appointed Captain, *Othniel Whitman*, Lieutenant, and *Nicholas Arnold Ensign* pointed of the Senior Class Company, in the Towns of *Warwick* and *East-Greenwich*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Seventy Dols. 170 D. allowed to *J. Bicknall*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services in attending, as an Assistant Justice, upon the Superior Court, &c. at the Circuits in the last Spring and the present Fall.

The following Report was presented to this Assembly, *to wit*:

To the Honourable General Assembly.

Report of the
Com. who
relaid Part
of the Post-
Road in
Johnston.

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by your Honors, at the Session held in June last, to revise and relay the Post Road from *Nehemiah Sheldon's House*, in *Johnston*, to *Pawcatuck-River*, do report, that, agreeably to our Appointment, we began at a Stone stuck in the Ground on the South Side of the said Road, a little Easterly from the said Sheldon's House, at A. on the Plat drawn by *Caleb Harris*, Esq. the Surveyor, and here-with presented: thence S. $84\frac{1}{2}$ D. W. 42 Rods to a Stake and Stones, a little Westward from the said Sheldon's House, at B. thence the same Course 26 Rods to a Stake and Stones, at C. thence S. $70\frac{1}{2}$ D. W. 5 Rods to a Stake and Stones, at D. thence S. 26 D. W. 60 Rods to an Elm Tree, at E. thence S. $30\frac{1}{2}$ D. W. 48 Rods

48 Rods to a Stake in *Gideon Brown's* Wall, at F. thence S. 33 D. W. 14 Rods and 9 Links, to a Stake in the said *Brown's* Meadow, at G. thence S. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ D. W. 17 Rods and 11 Links to a Chesnut Tree, at H. thence S. 38 D. W. 9 Rods and 17 Links to a Black-Oak Tree, at I. thence S. 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ D. W. 35 Rods, to a Stake opposite *Joseph Wilbur's* Easterly Bar-Post, at J. thence S. 62 D. W. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rods to the End of *Edward Fenner's* Board Fence West of his Barn, at K. thence S. 40 D. W. 33 Rods to a Stake in the said *Fenner's* Wall, at L. thence S. 34 D. W. 16 Rods and 21 Links, to the end of the said *Fenner's* Wall, at M. thence S. 73 D. W. 44 Rods to the End of a Wall near *Solomon Thornton's* House, at N. thence W. 10 D. N. 7 Rods to a Stone on the North Side of the said *Thornton's* Shop, and about the middle thereof, at O. thence W. 6 D. N. 23 Rods and 4 Links to the Corner of *David Brown's* Wall, formerly called the Four Mile Bound, at P. thence S. 80 D. W. 10 Rods, to a Stake by the said *David Brown's* Wall at Q. thence S. 65 D. W. 21 Rods to a Stone set in the Ground, at R. thence S. 50 D. W. 21 Rods and 15 Links to a Rock and Stones near *Hezekiah Carpenter's* North-East Corner, at S. thence S. 74 D. W. 21 Rods and 9 Links to a Heap of Stones on a great Rock opposite *Jacremiah Fenner's* House, at T. thence S. 46 D. W. 32 Rods to a Heap of Stones on a Rock opposite to the said *Carpenter's* House, at V. thence S. 30 D. W. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rods to a Stake and Stones at U. thence S. 55 D. W. 7 Rods to a Heap of Stones on the Easterly Bank of *Pauckaffet River*, at W.

AND for the preventing of future Difficulties on this Road we recommend that Col. *John Waterman*, of *Johnston*, be appointed to cause the same to be laid open, agreeably to the Reports of your Committees, from *Providence* to the State Line. All which is submittted by

JABEZ BOWEN,
JOHN SMITH,
RICHAD JACKSON, jun. } Committee.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be accepted; that the Road therein mentioned be established agreeably thereto: And that Col. *John Waterman*, and Mr. *Edward Manton*, both of *Johnston*, be and they are hereby empowered to open the same (without any Expence to the State) in a convenient Time within One Year from the Rising of this Assembly.

^{34 D. allow.} _{ed. J. Rey.} *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-four Dollars* be allowed _{ed. J. Rey.} _{for his Acc't.} and paid to Mr. *Joseph Reynolds*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, to the present Time, for

for the Support of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-two Dollars and Fifty 32 D. 50 C. Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Peleg Brown, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for the Maintenance and Funeral Expences of Ruter Gardner, deceased, who was a State's Pauper.

*allowed P.
Brown.*

An ACT ascertaining what shall constitute a legal Settlement in any Town in this State, and for repealing all Laws made heretofore for that Purpose.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of directing the Manner of gaining Settlements. thereto it is hereby Enacted, That all Laws heretofore made for ascertaining what shall constitute a legal Settlement of any Person, in any Town in this State, so as to oblige such Town to support such Person, in Case of his becoming poor and standing in Need of Relief, so far as they relate to the Manner of gaining a Settlement in future, be, and they are hereby repealed.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That legal Settlements in any Town in this State shall be hereafter gained, so as to oblige such Town to relieve and support the Persons gaining the same, in Case they become poor and stand in Need of Relief, by any of the Ways and Means following, and not otherwise, to wit:

First. A MARRIED Woman shall always follow and have the Settlement of the Husband, if he hath any Settlement in this State, or any other of the *United States*; but if he hath no Settlement within this State, or in any other of the *United States*, the Wife shall have and retain her Settlement at the Time of her Marriage, and the Husband, in such Case, shall follow and have the Settlement of the Wife.

Secondly. LEGITIMATE Children shall follow and have the Settlement of their Father until they arrive to the Age of Twenty-one Years, if the Father shall before that Time have any Settlement within this State, or any other of the *United States*, and shall retain such Settlement until they gain a Settlement of their own; but if the Father before that Time shall not have any Settlement within this State, or any other of the *United States*, the Children shall in like Manner follow and have the Settlement of the Mother.

Thirdly. ILLEGITIMATE Children shall follow and have the Settlement of their Mother at the Time of their Birth: But neither legitimate or illegitimate Children shall gain a Settlement by

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Birth in the Places where they may be born, if neither of their Parents shall have a Settlement there.

Fourthly. Any Minor who shall serve an Apprenticeship to any lawful Trade, for the Space of Four Years in any Town, and actually set up the same therein within Three Years after the Expiration of the said Term, being then Twenty-one Years of Age, and continue to carry on the same for the Space of Five Years therein, shall thereby gain a Settlement in such Town: But such Person being hired as a Journeyman shall not be considered as setting up a Trade.

Fifthly. Any Person of Twenty-one Years of Age, having an Estate of Inheritance or Freehold in the Town where he shall dwell and have his Home, of the yearly Income of *Twenty Dollars*, and taking the Rents and Profits thereof for Three Years successively, whether he lives thereupon or not, shall thereby gain a Settlement therein.

Sixthly. Any Person of Twenty-one Years of Age having an Estate, the Principal of which shall be set at *Two Hundred Dollars* in the Valuation of Estates made by the Assessors, and being assessed for the same in State and Town Taxes, and actually paying the same for the Space of Five Years successively in the Town where he dwells and hath his Home, shall thereby gain a Settlement therein.

Seventhly. Any Person of Twenty-one Years of Age who shall hereafter reside in any Town in this State for the Space of Ten Years together, and pay all State and Town Taxes duly assessed upon such Person's Poll or Estate for any Five Years within said Time, shall thereby gain a Settlement in such Town.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Legal Settlement when gained shall continue until lost or defeated by gaining a new One. And upon gaining such new Settlement all former Settlements shall be defeated and lost.

Com. to prepare an Act to substitute Labour in Lieu of corporal and capital Punishments

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee for revising the Laws prepare and report a Code of penal Laws, in which Confinement to hard Labour shall be substituted, as far as may be, in Lieu of corporal and capital Punishment.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly in separate Houses, to wit:

Report of the Com. who counted the Votes for Representative.

THE Subscribers, appointed a Committee to count the Votes of the Freemen of this State, given on the Thirtieth Day of August last, for Representatives of this State in the Fifth Congress of the United States, make Report, that they have counted the Votes pursuant to their Appointment, and find that Benjamin Bourne, Esq. is

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is elected the First Representative, by a Majority of Three Thousand and Seven Hundred and Four Votes, and *Christopher Grant Chapman*, Esq. the Second Representative, by a Majority of One Hundred and Seven Votes. Which is submitted by

THOMAS POTTER,
JOHN L. BOSS,
CHARLES LIPPITT,
JONATHAN HOPKINS, jun. }
THOMAS NOYES,
GEORGE THOMAS,
SAMUEL WARDWELL,
JAMES MARTIN,
JOB GREENE,
THOMAS WATERMAN,
HENRY WARD,
WILLIAM MARCHANT, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Mode adopted at the present Session of receiving the Proxes, and the Report of the Committee for counting them, be not in future drawn into Precedent.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seventy-six Dollars and Thirty-one Cents* be allowed and paid to *Jonathan Niles*, Esq. Sheriff of the ^{76 D. 31 C.} _{allowed J. Niles,} County of Kent, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account to the present Time, for providing Wood and Candles for the Use of the Courts, for Repairs on the Gaol, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, for transmitting to the proper Officers the Schedules, and Commissions, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-one Dollars and Eighty-nine Cents* be allowed and paid to *Mr. David Martin*, out of the ^{21 D. 89 C.} _{allowed D. Martin.} General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for furnishing the Glass and setting it in the State-House in Providence.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-five Dollars and Thirty Gents* be allowed and paid to *Mr. Jesse Whitmore*, late Keeper of ^{25 D. 30 C.} _{allowed J. Whitmore,} the Gaol in Providence, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for the Prison Fees and Support of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, and for Repairs made on the said Gaol.

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Voyage to
be procured
for C. Par-
ker.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ray Greene, and Jonathan Niles, Esqrs. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to procure a foreign Voyage for Cary Parker, who is now confined in the Gaol in the County of Kent, upon the best Terms for the State and the said Parker they can procure; and that they furnish him with such Cloathing as shall be necessary for the Voyage; he, previous to his entering on such Voyage, giving his Note to the General-Treasurer for the Amount of his Fine and the Cost of Conviction.

AND it is also Voted and Resolved, That whenever the said Cary Parker shall return to this State he shall be liable to be recommitted upon the Sentence upon which he is now confined. And it shall be the Duty of the proper Authority, in such Case to issue Process accordingly.

10 D. 50 C.
allowed
Carter and
Wilkinson

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Carter and Wilkinson be allowed and paid Ten Dollars and Fifty Cents, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Account for a Book for recording, delivered the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Kent.

Com. to
prepare a
Bill for e-
recting a
House of
Corrections.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. Moses Brown, Simeon Martin, Thomas Holden, Rowse Babcock, and Ichabod Cole, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare, and report a Plan of a Gaol in the County of Providence, together with the Plan of a Building for the Confinement of Criminals to Labour, to be connected therewith: and that they also report a Plan for the Regulation of the Gaol, and House of Correction, with an Estimate of the Expence thereof.

28 D. 43 C.
allowed N.
Pbillips.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-eight Dollars and Forty-three Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Nathaniel Phillips, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for printing done for the State to the present Time.

Grant to S.
Geoffroy.

WHEREAS Sally Geoffroy of Providence, in the County of Providence, Widow, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that her late Husband, Andrew Geoffroy, gave a Bond to the late Collector of the State's Impost for the District of Newport, for securing the Payment of Twenty-three Dollars and Twenty-six Cents, which remains uncancelled; that she is informed that the Attorney-General is directed to put the same in Suit; and that she is left with Two Children, with nothing to depend upon for the Support of herself and them but her own Industry and Prudence: And thereupon the said Sally Geoffroy prayed this Assembly to release her from the Payment of the said Bond:

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On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted; and that the Estate of the said *Andrew Geoffrey* be discharged from the Payment of the said Bond.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*, in Town-Meeting assembled, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, praying that a Convention may be called to form a Constitution for this State, which is referred to the next Session for Consideration:

At respecting a Convention for forming a Constitution.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Freemen of the several Towns in this State be requested, and it is hereby recommended to them, to instruct their Representatives, during the Recess of this Assembly, relative to the Subject of appointing a Convention for the Purpose prayed for in the said Petition.

THE following State of the Grand Committee's Office was presented to this Assembly, *to wit*:

State of the Grand Committee's Office.

Of the Loan Money emitted in May, A. D. 1786,
there was loaned

£.96608 14 7 $\frac{1}{4}$

1793.	Delivered to the Committee appointed	
Jan. 29.	by the Hon. General Assembly to burn Parper Money,	£.45846 7 0
1794.	Delivered to the Committee appointed	
Feb. 14.	as aforesaid,	6624 9 3
1795.	Delivered to the Committee appointed	
Jan. 23.	as aforesaid,	9440 3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
1796.	Delivered to the Committee appointed	
Jne. 26.	as aforesaid, Paper Money in the Office,	7320 8 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Specie, and Bank-Bills £.56 5 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, re- ceived at the Rate of One for Fifteen,	2715 16 10
	Securities in the Office, unsettled,	844 8 4
		23817 1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
		£.96603 14 7 $\frac{1}{4}$

Grand Committee's Office,
Newport, Nov. 3, 1796.

I HEREBY certify that the above Statement shews the present State of the Grand Committee's Office.

THOMAS RUMREILL,
Keeper of said Office.

On Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and is hereby, accepted.

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An ACT directing the Mode of choosing a Representative to Congress in the Room of *Benjamin Bourn, Esq.* who hath declined.

Act directing the Mode of choosing a Representative in the Room of B. Bourn who hath declined.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, of it is hereby Enacted, That a Representative, qualified agreeably to Law, to represent this State in the Fifth Congress of the United States, in the Place of *Benjamin Bourn, Esq.* who hath declined his Appointment, be elected by the Freemen of this State, in their several Town-Meetings to be legally warned and assembled on the Fifteenth Day of November, A. D. 1796: That the Choice be made and conducted in the Mode prescribed in an Act passed by this General Assembly, at the Session held in June, A. D. 1790, entitled "An Act prescribing the Mode of electing Senators, and a Representative, to represent this State in the Congress of the United States of America, and the Times and Places of holding the Elections": And that a Return of the Votes of the Freemen for the said Representative be made to this Assembly, at the next Session.

IT is ordered, That the Secretary forthwith transmit Copies of this Act to the several Town-Clerks in the State.

E. Crandall **IT is Voted and Resolved,** That *Mr. Enoch Crandall* be, and he added to the is hereby added to, and appointed One of, the Committee, heretofore appointed, and now existing, for settling the Affairs of the *Indian Affairs.* *Narragansett Indians*; and that any Three of the present Committee be empowered to act.

Officers elected.

BOTH Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee.

AGREEABLY to the Report of the Committee who counted the Votes of the Freemen for Representatives of this State, in the Fifth Congress of the *United States*, *Benjamin Bourn, Esq.* is declared to be chosen the First, and *Christopher Grant Champlin, Esq.* the Second Representative.

THE Grand Committee chose the following Officers, *to wit:*

Theodore Foster, Esq. a Senator, to represent this State in the Congress of the *United States*, for and during the Time prescribed by the Constitution of the *United States.*

His Excellency *Arthur Fenner, Esq.* *George Champlin, Esq.* the Honorable *Samuel J. Potter, Esq.* and *William Greene* (of *Warwick*) *Esq.* Electors of a President and Vice-President for the *United States*, for and during the Term of Four Years, to commence on the Fourth Day of *March* next.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Militia Officers be, ^{Militia Officers.} and they are hereby appointed, *to wit* :

David Rolp, Ensign of the First Company of Infantry in the Town of Scituate.

Thomas Cooke, Lieutenant, and *Joseph Perry*, Ensign of the Second Company of Infantry in the Town of Tiverton.

WHEREAS a Number of Persons living at Pawtucket, and in the Vicinity, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that they have, at a very considerable Expence, erected a House for Public Worship, the outside whereof is principally finisht; but are unable to proceed any further: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery to raise the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars for the Use of the Catholic Baptist Society, in North-Providence, to be applied to the finishing of the said House: And that Messrs. *William Bagley*, *Ebenezer Tyler*, *Samuel Slater*, and *Stephen Jenckes*, jun. may be authorized and appointed Directors thereof for the Purpose aforesaid: And the said Petition being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer thereof be, and the same is hereby granted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-three Dollars and Twenty-five Cents* be allowed and paid to Messrs. *Carter* and *Wilkinson* ^{33 D. 25 C. allowed Carter and Wilkinson.} out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Account for printing done for the State to the present Time.

An ACT for the better ordering the Police of the Town of Providence, and regulating the Work-House in the said Town.

BE it *Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of Act stably the same it is hereby Enacted*, That the Regulations heretofore adopted under the Authority of the Town of Providence, in Town-Meeting assembled, for the Government of the Work-House in the said Town, be and they are hereby established as Regulations for the good Government of the said Work-House.

BE it further *Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Town-Council of the said Town of Providence be, and the said Council is hereby, empowered from Time to Time hereafter, to alter and amend the said Regulations, or expunge such as may seem to them erroneous or unnecessary, or add such new Articles as may to them seem necessary.

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AND whereas by reason of the existing Laws of several of the neighbouring States, it is often attended with great Trouble and Expence, and in some Cases utterly impossible, to convey Persons rejected by the said Town-Council to the Place of their legal Settlement :

BE it further Enacted, That the said Town-Council may, upon the examination and rejection of any transient Person or Persons, remove them to the Place of their legal Settlement, or (if likely to become chargeable) commit them to the said Work-House, to be there provided for and kept to Labour. And the said Council is hereby further empowered to commit to the said House any Person who having been legally removed from the said Town, shall return to reside therein, contrary to their Order of Removal. And in Case any transient Person, who is ordered to appear or be brought before the said Council for Examination, shall secrete Himself or herself to elude the Officer, the said Council may order the proper Officer to take such Person into Custody, whenever found by him, and commit him or her to the said Work-House until his or her Examination be legally taken.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person, an Inhabitant of the said Town of Providence, who shall be convicted before any Court of Justices in the County of Providence, of stealing or purloining any Goods, Wares, Merchandise, or other Thing not exceeding the Value of Forty Dollars, shall in default of paying the Fine adjudged by the said Court, be committed to the Bridewell belonging to the said Work-House, for a Term of Time not exceeding One Year. And in default of paying the Cost and Restitution adjudged by the said Court, such Delinquent shall be put to hard Labour in the said Work-House, under the existing Regulations thereof, until he or she shall discharge the said Cost and Restitution, or be otherwise legally discharged therefrom: But if such Delinquent be not an Inhabitant of the said Town of Providence, but a transient Person, or resident in said Town without a legal Settlement therein, the said Court may at Discretion sentence him or her as herein before provided, or proceed according to the Statute in such Cases heretofore made.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person convicted before any Court of Justices in the said Town of Providence, of an Assault or Battery, in Default of paying the Fine adjudged by the said Court, shall be committed to the said Bridewell for a Term of Time at the Discretion of the Court, not exceeding Six Months, and in Default of paying Costs shall be kept to hard Labour in the said Work-House, under the existing Regulations thereof, until legally discharged therefrom.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Assistant, Judge of a Court, or Justice of the Peace in the said Town of Providence, may upon the Complaint of a Freeholder or other reputable

reputable Person, or from Facts within his own Knowledge, call before him any drunken, riotous or disorderly Person or Persons who may be detected in revelling in the Streets, committing any sort of Mischief, quarreling or otherwise behaving in a riotous and disorderly Manner to the Disturbance and Annoyance of the peaceable Citizens of the said Town, and him, her or them, commit to the said Bridewell for a Time not exceeding Twenty-four Hours; Which Commitment shall be by a Mittimus in Writing, under Hand and Seal, stating the Offence, and directed to the Town-Serjeant or Constable to convey, and to the Keeper of said Work-House to receive the Person or Persons so offending into his Custody.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That upon Complaint being made to any Justice of the Peace in the said Town of Providence, against any idle, vagrant Person, or any Person who having no Family, has been examined by the Town-Council and ordered to depart, or any Person who shall attempt to procure a Living by begging in the Streets, Houses, or elsewhere, such Justice shall upon due Proof being made commit such Person to the said Work-House, for a Term of Time not exceeding One Month, in Manner as aforesaid, there to be kept to Labor.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Officer to whom any Precept shall be directed as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to execute the same; upon Complaint and due Proof of such Delinquency being made, before any One Justice of the Peace in the said Town, such Delinquent shall pay to and for the Use of the said Town of Providence, the Sum of Twenty Dollars, with Costs of Prosecution: And any Freeman of the said Town may sue for and prosecute the same to final Issue.

PROVIDED, THAT nothing in this Act shall be construed to preclude any Person from right of Appeal in any Case heretofore allowed by the Laws of this State. And it is further provided, That no Part of the Expence attending the Government of the said Work-House, shall be chargeable on this State, except the Maintenance of Persons committed for Theft, who shall be allowed the same Support as is allowed poor Prisoners in any Gaol in this State.

The following are the Regulations for the Government of the Work-House, in Providence, established and enacted in the preceding Act. Regulations for the Government of the Work-House.

REGULATIONS for the Government of the WORK-HOUSE in Providence.

Duty of the Overseers.

THE Overseers, for the Time being, shall meet at the Work-House stately on the First Monday in June, September, December and March, and at such other Times as shall be found necessary, as Occurrences may happen. The Business of such stated Meetings

ings shall be to enquire into the state of the Work-House, and as far as may be, remedy any Inconveniency, settle the Keeper's Accounts; and do such other Business as the Nature of their Appointment may require. The said Overseers shall appoint One of their Number, whose Duty it shall be to visit the Work-House Weekly, and inspect into the Conduct of the Keeper, and the Situation and Conduct of those under his Charge, which Appointment shall continue for such Term as may be agreed upon by the Overseers: Which visiting Overseer shall call a special Meeting of all the Overseers whenever he may deem it necessary.

Duty of the Keeper.

THE Keeper of the Work-House shall be allowed such Compensation together with such Room for the Use of his Family as may be agreed upon by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, to be paid out of the Town-Treasury, Quarterly. He shall also be allowed *Fifty per Cent.* of all the nett Earnings of those under his Care. He shall carefully inspect into the moral Conduct of the Paupers, and whoever may be committed to his Care. He shall enjoin a strict Attention to the Regulations relative to Cleanliness, Sobriety and Industry. He shall also, with the Approbation of the Overseers, provide a sufficient Stock of Materials for the constant Employment of those under his Care. He shall also allot to each One a reasonable Task according to their Abilities. He shall be careful that no Embezzlement takes Place: But by all laudable Means in his Power shall make their Work as profitable as possible. He shall cause all Accounts concerning the Maintenance of those put under his Care to be entered in a Book or Books provided for that Purpose, taking Care to have his Accounts so entered as that the Expence of each Individual may be separately ascertained.—He shall keep separate Accounts of the Stock and Materials purchased by him; and shall take proper Vouchers, whenever Money is expended. He shall regularly credit the Materials manufactured and sold, mentioning when and to whom disposed of; and at every Quarterly Meeting of the Overseers shall exhibit his Accounts and Vouchers for their Approbation and Allowance. He shall keep an exact Register of all Persons committed to his Charge, noting their particular Descriptions and the Time when they were entered and discharged. He shall be responsible for the Execution of the several Duties herein before mentioned, together with the Regulations hereafter expressed; for the Fulfilment of which he shall give Bond to the Satisfaction of the Committee.

Rules for the Government of the Poor.

In the First Place. THE Males and Females shall be employed and lodge in separate Apartments, except it so happens that a Husband and his Wife may both be in the Work-House at the same Time.

Secondly. THE Paupers shall be constantly employed in such Work as the Overseers and Keeper may consider most profitable.

Thirdly.

Thirdly. If any Person admitted or committed to said House shall be found remiss or negligent in performing the Task allotted to them, they shall be punished by having their Allowance of Food reduced, in such Manner and for such Time, as shall enforce a Compliance, under the Direction of the visiting Overseer.

Fourthly. If any One shall refuse to obey the Keeper, or shall be guilty of profane cursing or swearing, or of indecent Behaviour, Conversation or Expression, or of any Assault, Quarrel or abusive Words to or with any other Person, they shall be punished by close, solitary Confinement, together with a Reduction of their Allowance; but the Keeper in such Cases shall have the Advice and Approbation of the visiting Overseer, who shall with him examine into the Case. But in Cases where the Security of the House is in Danger, or personal Violence offered to the Keeper, or any Person acting under him, he or they shall use all lawful Means to defend themselves, and secure the Authors and Abettors of such Outrage.

Fifthly. THE Keeper shall not suffer any buying, selling or bartering to be carried on by any of those under his Care, either among themselves or with any other Person. Neither shall he suffer any spirituous or fermented Liquors to be introduced, except such as he may use in his own Family, or for Medical Purposes prescribed by the Physician, who may have the Care of the Sick. And if any Person under his Care shall be detected in dealing in such Liquor, or intoxicated therewith, he or she shall be proceeded against as provided in the Fourth Article.

Sixthly. ALL Persons on their first Admission, shall be separately lodged, washed and cleansed, together with their Cloaths if found necessary.

Seventhly. ANY Person detected in gaming of any Kind, shall be proceeded against as in the Fourth Article.

Eighthly. ANY Person who shall demand or exact a Garnish, beg, steal or defraud, shall be proceeded against as in the 4th Article.

Ninthly. THOSE who shall distinguish themselves by their Attention to Cleanliness, Sobriety and orderly Conduct, shall be reported to the Overseers, and meet with such Reward as is in their Power to grant or procure.

Tenthly. THE Men belonging to the House shall be furnished with suitable Bedding, shall be shaved twice a Week, their Hair cut once a Month, change their Linen once a Week, and regularly wash their Faces and Hands every Morning. The like Attention shall be paid to the Women, agreeably to their Sex.

Eleventhly. THE House shall be white-washed at least twice in the Year, and oftener if necessary; the Floors swept every Morn-

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ing, and washed on *Wednesdays* and *Saturdays*, from the Twentieth of *May* to the First of *October*, and once a Week for the Remainder of the Year.

Twelfthly. THE Physician appointed annually, to attend the Poor, shall keep a Register of all the Sick, their Disorders and his Prescriptions; and shall render his Accounts for the Examination and Allowance of the Overseers, at each of their Quarterly Meetings.

Act appointing a Thanksgiving.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants of this State to observe *Thursday*, the Fifteenth Day of *December* next, as a Day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAYER; that, abstaining on that Day from servile Labour, they assemble at their respective Houses of public Worship, to offer up their unfeigned Thanksgiving and Praises to ALMIGHTY GOD, for his manifest goodness to us and to all Men; and, in an especial Manner, for that it hath pleased Him to favour the People of the *United States* with the Blessings of Health, Peace and Plenty, and of a good civil government; and to beseech his Divine Majesty still to watch over and protect us as a People, and to bless and reform us as Individuals; and so to order and govern Events, in the Course of his divine Providence, that all the Nations and People of the Earth may enjoy Peace, Liberty and Safety: And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to issue his Proclamation accordingly.

15 D. allowed T. Rumreill.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifteen Dollars be allowed and paid to Thomas Rumreill, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for examining the former Grand Committee's Office to procure Papers necessary to the Attorney-General.

Com. to draw an Act respecting the Mode of choosing Electors.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Committee appointed to revise the Laws prepare and report an Act, providing for the Mode of choosing Electors of President and Vice-President of the *United States*, by the Freemen at large.

Further Time allowed for settling the Tax.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That those Towns in the State which have not assessed their Quota of the Tax ordered by this General Assembly, at the Session in June last, be allowed One Month from the Rising of this Assembly for that Purpose.

Com. relative to the Turnpike Road to Norwich.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. *Edward Manton*, and *Joseph Rice* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to ascertain the Statement of Facts relative to the straightening and re-laying the Turnpike Road leading from *Providence* to *Norwich*, so far as the same passes through this State: And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Electors chosen at the present Session shall meet at the State-House in the County of *Bristol*, on the First *Wednesday* in *December* next, and then and there give their Votes for President and Vice-President of the United States.

UPON the Petition of a Number of respectable Inhabitants of the Town of *Providence*,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there- of it is hereby Enacted, That the Act heretofore passed by this Assembly for the Purpose of restraining all Persons, on a certain Penalty therein mentioned, from shooting at Wild Pigeons, either at the Salt-Marshes at the Head of the Cove in the said Town, or at any Place within the Distance of one Mile from the said Marshes be, and the same is hereby repealed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Petitioners for the Benefit of the Insolvent Act, whose Petitions are now pending on the Docket, who have been liberated from Gaol, be continued at large on the same Terms on which they were first liberated: That all Petitioners for the said Act, whose Petitions are also now pending, and who are now imprisoned; be liberated from Gaol, upon their giving sufficient Bonds, to the Satisfaction of the Sheriffs of the several Counties where they are confined, to return to Gaol again, provided the Prayers of their respective Petitions shall not be granted: And that all Proceedings against the Petitioners for the Benefit of the Insolvent Act be stayed until the Rising of this Assembly, at the next Session.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That, upon all the other Petitions pending before this Assembly for Trial, wherein the staying of Proceedings is prayed for, such Proceedings be stayed until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Dollars* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Israel Minchester*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Attendance and that of his Son upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as Waiters.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Six Dollars* be allowed and paid to Mr. *William Givens*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for the Services of himself and Three other Officers, who were employed to preserve the Peace and keep good Order at the late Commencement: But that the making this Allowance shall not be drawn into Precedent in future.

OCTOBER, 1796.

An ACT empowering the Town-Councils to appoint Guardians over the Persons and Estates of Infants.

Town-Councils empowered to appoint Guardians.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Town-Councils in the several Towns in this State, be, and they are hereby, empowered and authorized to appoint Guardians over the Persons and Estates of Infants: And that the Guardian appointed shall give Bond to such Infant in such Sum, and with such Security, as the Town-Council appointing such Guardian shall think sufficient, conditioned for the faithful Discharge of such Appointment when the Infant shall arrive to the Age of Twenty-one Years, or when such Appointment shall be vacated.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Councils appointing the Guardian shall have Power, at such Times as they shall think proper, to call such Guardian to account how he hath conducted in his Guardianship, and to remove him if they shall judge it for the Interest of the Infant.

River-Ma-
chine Act
suspended.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Operation of the Act, entitled "An Act for incorporating The River-Machine Company, in the Town of Providence," be, and the same is hereby, suspended until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session.

31 D. al-
lowed G.
Gordon.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-one Dollars be allowed and paid to George Gordon, One of the Sheriff's Deputies in the County of Providence, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon the Courts of Common Law, and upon this Assembly at the present Session.

A. Branch
liberated
from Gaol.

UPON due Consideration of the Petition of *Aboliah Branch*, of Providence, representing, that at the Term of the Superior Court held in Providence, in March, A. D. 1796, he was indicted for an Assault and Battery, to which Indictment he pleaded Guilty, and was sentenced to pay the Sum of One Hundred Dollars, as a Fine to and for the Use of the State, and all Costs of Prosecution, and to stand committed to Gaol until the same should be paid; that it now is, and ever hath been, utterly impossible for him to pay the said Fine and Costs, and hath ever since been confined to Gaol therefor; and that he hath a Wife and a Number of small Children, who have no Means of Support but the Labour of his Hands; and praying that he may be liberated from Gaol, upon his giving his Note to the General-Treasurer for the said Fine and Costs:

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be, and the same is hereby, granted.

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OCTOBER, 1796.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That William Harvey, now a Prisoner in the State's Gaol in the County of Washington, upon a criminal Prosecution, be forthwith liberated therefrom.

*W. Harvey
liberated
from Gaol.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ninety-three Dollars Thirty-one Cents be allowed and paid to Henry Ward, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Services as Secretary, from the Session in June last to the present Time.

*93 D. 31 C.
allowed
H. Ward.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Smith, and William Allen, Esquires, be; and they are hereby appointed a Committee to cause a Gallery in the Representative's Chamber, in the State-House in Providence, to be erected, for the Accommodation of the Spectators; and also to cause a Ventilator to be made in the same Room, to purify the Air when the Room shall be crowded; and that they cause the same to be done as soon as conveniently may be.

*Com. to
build a Gal-
lery, &c. in
the State-
House at
Providence.*

WHEREAS the Urgency of the public Business hath rendered it impracticable, at the present Session, to hear the private Petitions: *Desavised
for hearing
Petitions.*

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly will, on the Third Day of the next Session, take up the Petitions, and pursue the Docket until the whole be finished.

AND to the End that the Parties may have Notice of this Act, and be prepared to attend with their Witnesses, *It is ordered, That* a Copy of it be inserted in all the Newspapers in this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Acts and Orders now made and passed, be published and transmitted by the Secretary agreeably to Law: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the last Monday in February next, then to convene at the State-House in East-Greenwich.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Esq

WARREN (PROVIDENCE-ISLAND):
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FEBRUARY, 1797.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden, by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Twenty-first Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Esq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Esq.*.
NOAH MATHEWSON, *Esq.*.
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Esq.*.
JOHN COOKE, *Esq.*.
JAMES CONGDON, *Esq.*.
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Esq.*.
PELEG CLARKE, *Esq.*.
JOB WATSON, *Esq.*.
JOHN HARRIS, *Esq.*.

} ASSISTANTS.

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

FEBRUARY, 1797.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Champlin, *Esq.*
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
Mr. John L. Bots,
Archibald Crary, Esq.
Simeon Martin, Esq.

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
Charles Lippitt, Esq.
John Smith, Esq.
Mr. Richard Jackson, jun.

PORTSMOUTH :

Abraham Anthony, *jun. Esq.*
Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter,
Benjamin Brownsell, Esq.

WARWICK :

Moses Arnold, *Esq.*
Anthony Holden, Esq.
Thomas Holden, Esq.
Mr. Job Greene.

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, *Esq.*
Rowse Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. John Sands,
Mr. William P. Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

John Allen, *Esq.*
George Thomas, Esq.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowland Brown, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas C. Hazard.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. George Tillinghast,
Richard Mathewson, Esq.

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Howland,
Jonathan J. Hazard, Esq.

SMITHFIELD :

Job Aldrich, *Esq.*
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, *Esq.*
Job Randall, Esq.

GLOCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, *Esq.*

Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq.*
Mr. Edward Wilcox.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Ishmael Nichols,
Amos Jaqways, Esq.

COVENTRY :

Mr. Joseph Rice, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas Waterman.

EXETER :

Mr. James Clarke,
Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Joshua Peckham,
Mr. Isaac Barker.

BRISTOL :

Loring Peck, *Esq.*

TIVERTON :

None.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Nathaniel Searle, *Esq.*
John Davis, Esq.

WARREN :

Ichabod Cole, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. David Sayles,
Mr. John Walcott.

RICHMOND :

Jonathan Maxson, *Esq.*
Thomas James, Esq.

CRANSTON :

John R. Arnold, *Esq.*
John Mawney, Esq.

HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, *Esq.*
Oliver Davis, Esq.

JOHNSTON :

Mr. Edward Manton,
Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, *Esq.*
Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, *Esq.*
James Martin, Esq.

FOSTER :

Mr. John Williams, *Esq.*
Mr. Jonathan Hopkins, *jux.*

The Honorable JOSEPH STANTON, *jun. Esq.* was chosen Speaker, in the Room of ELISHA R. POTTER, *Esq.* who is now a Representative from this State in the Congress of the United States.

WILLIAM MARCHANT, *Esq.* Clerk of the House of Representatives.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Address of the President of the ^{President's} *United States* to the People thereof, in which he declares his Intention of retiring from public Life, be printed in the Schedule of ^{Address to be inserted in the Schedule.} the Acts of this Assembly, at the present Session, and entered upon the public Records, in Testimony of the Respect this Assembly entertain for that illustrious Character, and of their entire Approbation of the patriotic Sentiments and Maxims of sound Policy contained in the said Address.

The following is the Address mentioned in the preceding Vote, *to wit* :

To THE PEOPLE of THE UNITED STATES.

Friends and Fellow-Citizens,

THE Period for a new Election of a Citizen, to administer the Executive Government of the *United States*, being not far distant, and the Time actually arrived, when your Thoughts must be employed in designating the Person who is to be clothed with that important Trust; it appears to me proper, especially as it may conduce to a more distinct Expression of the public Voice, that I should now apprise you of the Resolution I have formed, to decline being considered among the Number of those, out of whom a Choice is to be made.

I BEG you, at the same Time, to do me the Justice to be assured, that this Resolution has not been taken, without a strict Regard to all the Considerations appertaining to the Relation which binds a dutiful Citizen to his Country; and that, in withdrawing the Tender of Service which Silence in my Situation might imply, I am influenced by no Diminution of Zeal for your future Interest, no Deficiency of grateful Respect for your past Kindness; but am supported by a full Conviction that the Step is compatible with both.

THE Acceptance of, and Continuance hitherto in the Office to which your Suffrages have twice called me, have been a uniform Sacrifice of Inclination to the Opinion of Duty, and to a Deference for what appeared to be your Desire. I constantly hoped, that it would have been much earlier in my Power, consistently with Motives which I was not at Liberty to disregard, to return to that Retirement, from which I had been reluctantly drawn. The Strength of my Inclination to do this, previous to the last Election, had even led to the Preparation of an Address to declare it to you; but mature Reflection on the then perplexed and critical Posture of our Affairs with foreign Nations, and the unanimous Advice of Persons entitled to my Confidence, impelled me to abandon the Idea.

I REJOICE that the State of your Concerns, external as well as internal, no longer renders the Pursuit of Inclination incompatible with the Sentiment of Duty or Propriety; and am persuaded, whatever Partiality may be retained for my Services, that in the present Circumstances of our Country, you will not disapprove my Determination to retire.

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THE Impressions with which I first undertook the arduous Trust, were explained on the proper Occasion. In the Discharge of this Trust, I will only say, that I have with good Intentions contributed, towards the Organization and Administration of the Government, the best Exertions of which a very fallible Judgment was capable. Not unconscious, in the Outset, of the Inferiority of my Qualifications, Experience in my own Eyes, perhaps still more in the Eyes of others, has strengthened the Motives to Diffidence of myself; and every Day the increasing Weight of Years admonishes me more and more, that the Shade of Retirement is as necessary to me as it will be welcome. Satisfied that if any Circumstances have given peculiar Value to my Services, they were temporary, I have the Consolation to believe, that while Choice and Prudence invite me to quit the political Scene, Patriotism does not forbid it.

IN looking forward to the Moment, which is intended to terminate the Career of my public Life, my Feelings do not permit me to suspend the deep Acknowledgments of that Debt of Gratitude which I owe to my beloved Country, for the many Honours it has conferred upon me: still more for the steadfast Confidence with which it has supported me; and for the Opportunities I have thence enjoyed of manifesting my inviolable Attachment, by Services faithful and persevering, though in Usefulness unequal to my Zeal. If Benefits have resulted to our Country from these Services, let it always be remembered to your Praise, and as an instructive Example in our Annals, that under Circumstances in which the Passions, agitated in every Direction, were liable to mislead, amidst Appearances sometime dubious—Vicissitudes of Fortune often discouraging—in Situations in which not unfrequently want of Success has countenanced the Spirit of Criticism—the Constancy of your Support was the essential Prop of the Efforts, and a Guarantee of the Plans by which they were effected.—Profoundly penetrated with this Idea, I shall carry it with me to my Grave, as a strong Incitement to unceasing Vows that Heaven may continue to you the choicest Tokens of its Beneficence—that your Union and brotherly Affection may be perpetual—that the free Constitution, which is the Work of your Hands, may be sacredly maintained—that its Administration in every Department may be stamped with Wisdom and Virtue—that, in fine, the Happiness of the People of these States, under the Auspices of Liberty, may be made complete, by so careful a Preservation and so prudent a Use of this Blessing, as will acquire to them the Glory of recommending it to the Applause, the Affection and Adoption of every Nation which is yet a Stranger to it.

HERE, perhaps, I ought to stop. But a Solitude for your Welfare, which cannot end but with my Life, and the Apprehension of Danger, natural to that Solitude, urge me, on an Occasion like the present, to offer to your solemn Contemplation, and to recommend to your frequent Review, some Sentiments, which are the Result of much Reflection, of no inconsiderable Observation, and which

which appear to me all-important to the Permanency of your Felicity as a People. These will be offered to you with the more Freedom, as you can only see in them the disinterested Warnings of a parting Friend, who can possibly have no personal Motive to bias his Counsel. Nor can I forget, as an Encouragement to it, your indulgent Reception of my Sentiments on a former and not dissimilar Occasion.

INTERWOVEN as is the Love of Liberty, with every Ligament of your Hearts, no Recommendation of mine is necessary to fortify or confirm the Attachment.

THE Unity of Government which constitutes you one people, is also now dear to you. It is justly so; for it is a main Pillar in the Edifice of your real Independence, the Support of your Tranquillity at home, your Peace abroad; of your Safety; of your Prosperity; of that very Liberty which you so highly prize. But as it is easy to foresee, that from different Causes, and from different Quarters, much Pains will be taken, many Artifices employed, to weaken in your Minds the Conviction of this Truth; as this is the Point in your political Fortress against which the Batteries of internal and external Enemies will be most constantly and actively (though often covertly and insidiously) directed, it is of infinite Moment that you should properly estimate the immense Value of your national Union, to your collective and individual Happiness; that you should cherish a cordial, habitual and immoveable Attachment to it, accustoming yourselves to think and speak of it as the Palladium of your political Safety and Prosperity; watching for its Preservation with jealous Anxiety; discountenancing whatever may suggest even a Suspicion that it can in any Event be abandoned; and indignantly frowning upon the first Dawning of every Attempt to alienate any Portion of our Country from the rest, or to enfeeble the sacred Ties which now link together the various Parts.

FOR this you have every Inducement of Sympathy and Interest: Citizens by Birth or Choice of a common Country, that Country has a Right to concentrate your Affections. The name of AMERICAN, which belongs to you in your national capacity must always exalt the just Pride of Patriotism, more than any Appellation derived from local Discriminations. With slight Shades of Difference, you have the same Religion, Manners, Habits and political Principles. You have in a common Cause fought and triumphed together; the Independence and Liberty you possess are the Work of joint Councils and joint Efforts, of common Dangers, Sufferings and Successes.

BUT these Considerations, however powerfully they address themselves to your Sensibility, are greatly outweighed by those which apply more immediately to your Interest. Here every Portion of our Country finds the most commanding Motives for carefully guarding and preferring the Union of the whole.

THE *North*, in an unrestrained Intercourse with the *South*, protected by the equal Laws of a common Government, finds in the Productions of the latter great additional Resources of maritime and commercial Enterprize, and precious Materials of manufacturing Industry.—The *South*, in the same Intercourse, benefiting by the Agency of the *North*, sees its Agriculture grow, and its Commerce expand. Turning partly into its own Channels the Seamen of the *North*, it finds its particular Navigation invigorated ;—and while it contributes, in different Ways, to nourish and increase the general Mass of the national Navigation, it looks forward to the protection of a maritime Strength, to which itself is unequally adapted.—The *East* in a like Intercourse with the *West*, already finds, and in the progressive Improvements of interior Communications by Land and Water will more and more find, a valuable Vent for the Commodities which it brings from abroad, or manufactures at home.—The *West* derives from the *East* Supplies requisite to its Growth and Comfort—and, what is perhaps of still greater Consequence, it must of Necessity owe the *secure* Enjoyment of indispensable *Outlets* for its own Productions to the Weight, Influence, and the future maritime Strength of the Atlantic Side of the Union, directed by an indissoluble Community of Interest as *One Nation*.—Any other Tenure by which the *West* can hold this essential Advantage, whether derived from its own separate Strength, or from an apostate and unnatural Connection with any foreign Power, must be intrinsically precarious.

WHILE then every Part of our Country thus feels an immediate and particular Interest in Union, all the Parts combined cannot fail to find in the united Mass of Means and Efforts greater Strength, greater Resource, proportionably greater Security from external Danger, a less frequent Interruption of their Peace by foreign Nations ; and, what is of inestimable Value ! they must derive from Union an Exemption from those Broils and Wars between themselves, which so frequently afflict neighbouring Countries, not tied together by the same Government ; which their own Rivalships alone would be sufficient to produce, but which opposite foreign Alliances, Attachments and Intrigues, would stimulate and embitter.—Hence likewise they will avoid the Necessity of those overgrown military Establishments, which under any Form of Government are inauspicious to Liberty, and which are to be regarded as particularly hostile to Republican Liberty. In this Sense, it is, that your Union ought to be considered as a main Prop of your Liberty, and that the Love of the one ought to endear to you the Preservation of the other.

THESE Considerations speak a persuasive Language to every reflecting and virtuous Mind, and exhibit the continuance of the Union as a primary Object of patriotic Desire.—Is there a Doubt, whether a common Government can embrace so large a Sphere ?—Let Experience solve it. To listen to mere Speculation in such a Case, were Criminal. We are authorized to hope that a proper Organization

Organization of the whole, with the auxiliary Agency of Governments for the respective Subdivisions, will afford a happy Issue to the Experiment. 'Tis well worth a fair and full Experiment. With such powerful and obvious Motives to Union, affecting all Parts of our Country, while Experience shall not have demonstrated its Impracticability, there will always be Reason to distrust the Patriotism of those, who in any Quarter may endeavour to weaken its Bands.

In contemplating the Causes which may disturb our Union, it occurs as Matter of serious Concern, that any Ground should have been furnished for characterising Parties by geographical Discriminations—*Northern* and *Southern*—*Atlantic* and *Western*; whence designing Men may endeavour to excite a Belief, that there is a real Difference of local Interests and Views. One of the Expedients of Party to acquire Influence, within particular Districts, is to misrepresent the Opinions and Aims of other Districts. You cannot shield yourselves too much against the Jealousies and Heartburnings which spring from these Misrepresentations; they tend to render alien to each other those who ought to be bound together by fraternal Affection. The Inhabitants of our Western Country have lately had a useful Lesson on this Head; they have seen, in the Negotiation by the Executive, and in the unanimous Ratification by the Senate, of the Treaty with *Spain*, and in the universal Satisfaction at that Event throughout the *United States*, a decisive Proof how unfounded were the Suspicions propagated among them, of a Policy in the General Government and in the Atlantic States unfriendly to their Interests in regard to the *Mississippi*: they have been Witnesses to the Formation of Two Treaties, that with *Great-Britain* and that with *Spain*, which secure to them every Thing they could desire, in respect to our foreign Relations, towards confirming their Prosperity. Will it not be their Wisdom to rely for the Preservation of these Advantages on the UNION by which they were procured? Will they not henceforth be deaf to those Advisers, if such there are, who would sever them from their Brethren, and connect them with Aliens?

To the Efficacy and Permanency of your Union, a Government for the whole is indispensable.—No Alliances, however strict between the Parts, can be an adequate Substitute; they must inevitably experience the Infractions and Interruptions which all Alliances in all Times have experienced. Sensible of this momentous Truth, you have improved upon your first Essay, by the Adoption of a Constitution of Government better calculated than your former for an intimate Union, and for the efficacious Management of your common Concerns. This Government, the Offspring of our own Choice, uninfluenced and unawed, adopted upon full Investigation and mature Deliberation, completely free in its Principles, in the Distribution of its Powers, uniting Security with Energy, and containing within itself a Provision for its own Amendment, has a just Claim to your Confidence and your Support. Respect for

for its Authority, Compliance with its Laws, Aequiescence in its Measures, are Duties enjoined by the fundamental Maxims of true Liberty. The basis of our political Systems, is the Right of the People to make and to alter their Constitutions of Government—but the Constitution which at any Time exists, till changed by an explicit and authentic Act of the whole People, is sacredly obligatory upon all. The very Idea of the Power and the Right of the People to establish Government, pre-supposes the Duty of every Individual to obey the established Government.

ALL Obstructions to the Execution of the Laws, all Combinations and Associations, under whatever plausible Character, with the real Design to direct, controul, counteract or awe the regular Deliberation and Action of the constituted Authorities, are destructive of this fundamental Principle, and of fatal Tendency. They serve to organize Faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary Force—to put in the Place of the delegated Will of the Nation, the Will of a Party, often a small but artful and enterprizing Minority of the Community; and, according to the alternate Triumphs of different Parties, to make the Public Administration the Mirror of the ill concerted and incungruous Projects of Faction, rather than the Organ of consistent and wholesome Plans, digested by common Councils, and modified by mutual Interests.

HOWEVER Combinations or Associations of the above Description may now and then answer popular Ends, they are likely in the course of Time and Things to become potent Engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled Men will be enabled to subvert the Power of the People, and to usurp for themselves the Reins of Government; destroying afterwards the very Engines which have lifted them to unjust Dominions.

TOWARDS the Preservation of your Government, and the Permanency of your present happy State, it is requisite, not only that you steadily discountenance irregular Oppositions to its acknowledged Authority, but also that you resist with care the Spirit of Innovation upon its Principles, however specious the Pretexts.—One Method of Assault may be, to effect in the Forms of the Constitution Alterations which will impair the Energy of the System, and thus to undermine what cannot be directly overthrown. In all the Changes to which you may be invited, remember that Time and Habit are at least as necessary to fix the true Character of Governments, as of other human Institutions—that Experience is the surest Standard, by which to test the real Tendency of the existing Constitution of a Country;—that Facility in Changes, upon the Credit of mere Hypothesis and Opinion, exposes to perpetual Change, from the endless Variety of Hypothesis and Opinion; and remember, especially, that for the efficient Management of your common Interests, in a Country so extensive as ours, a Government of as much Vigour as is consistent with the perfect Security of Liberty, is indispensable. Liberty itself will find in such a Government,

ment, with Powers properly distributed and adjusted, its surest Guardian. It is indeed little else than a Name, where the Government is too feeble to withstand the Enterprises of Faction, to confine each Member of the Society within the Limits prescribed by the Laws, and to maintain all in the secure and tranquil Enjoyment of the Rights of Person and Property.

I HAVE already intimated to you the Danger of Parties in the State, with particular Reference to the founding of them on geographical Discriminations. Let me now take a more comprehensive View, and warn you in the most solemn Manner against the baneful Effects of the Spirit of Party, generally.

THIS Spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our Nature, having its Root in the strongest Passions of the human Mind.—It exists under different Shapes in all Governments, more or less stifled, controwled or repressed; but in those of the popular Form, it is seen in its greatest Rankness, and is truly their worst Enemy.

THE alternate Domination, of One Faction over another, sharpened by the Spirit of Revenge, natural to Party Dissension, which in different Ages and Countries has perpetrated the most horrid Enormities, is itself a frightful Despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent Despotism.—The Disorders and Miseries which result, gradually incline the Minds of Men to seek Security and Repose in the absolute Power of an Individual: and sooner or later the Chief of some prevailing Faction, more able or more fortunate than his Competitors, turns this Disposition to the Purposes of his own Elevation, on the Ruins of Public Liberty.

WITHOUT looking forward to an Extremity of this Kind (which nevertheless ought not to be entirely out of Sight) the common and continual Mischiefs of the Spirit of Party are sufficient to make it the Interest and Duty of a wise People to discourage and restrain it.

IT serves always to distract the public Councils, and enfeeble the public Administration. It agitates the Community with ill founded Jealousies and false Alarms; kindles the Animosity of One Part against another, and foments occasionally Riot and Insurrection. It opens the Door to foreign Influence and Corruption, which find a facilitated Access to the Government itself, through the Channels of Party Passions. Thus the Policy and Will of One Country are subjected to the Policy and Will of another.

THERE is an Opinion that Parties in free Countries are useful Checks upon the Administration of the Government, and serve to keep alive the Spirit of Liberty. This within certain Limits is probably true; and in Governments of a monarchical Cast, Patriotism may look with Indulgence, if not with Favour, upon the Spirit of Party. But in those of the popular Character, in Governments purely elective, it is a Spirit not to be encouraged. From their natural Tendency, it is certain there will always be enough

of that Spirit for every salutary Purpose. And there being constant Danger of Excess, the Effort ought to be, by Force of public Opinion, to mitigate and assuage it. A Fire not to be quenched, it demands an uniform Vigilance to prevent its bursting into a Flame; lest, instead of warming, it should consume.

It is important, likewise, that the Habits of thinking, in a free Country, should inspire Caution in those entrusted with its Administration, to confine themselves within their respective constitutional Spheres, avoiding, in the Exercise of the Powers of One Department, to encroach upon another. The Spirit of Encroachment tends to consolidate the Powers of all the Departments in One, and thus to create, whatever the Form of Government, a real Despotism. A just Estimate of that Love of Power, and Prone-ness to abuse it, which predominates in the human Heart, is sufficient to satisfy us of the Truth of this Position. The Necessity of reciprocal Checks in the Exercise of political Power, by dividing and distributing it into different Depositories, and constituting each the Guardian of the public Weal against Invasions by the others, has been evinced by Experiments ancient and modern; some of them in our Country, and under our own Eyes. To preserve them, must be as necessary as to institute them. If, in the Opinion of the People, the Distribution or Modification of the constitutional Powers be in any particular Wrong, let it be corrected by an Amendment in the Way which the Constitution designates. But let there be no Change by Usurpation; for though this, in One Instance, may be the Instrument of Good, it is the customary Weapon by which free Governments are destroyed. The Pre-ident must always greatly overbalance, in permanent Evil, any par-tial or transient Benefit which the Use can at any Time yield.

Of all the Dispositions and Habits which lead to political Pro-
sperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable Supports. In vain
would that Man claim the Tribute of Patriotism, who should la-
bour to subvert these great Pillars of human Happiness, these firm-
est Props of the Duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Polit-i-
cian, equally with the pious Man, ought to respect and to cherish
them. A Volume could not trace all their Connexions with pri-
vate and public Felicity. Let it simply be asked, where is the Se-
curity for Property, for Reputation, for Life, if the Sense of reli-
gious Obligation *desert* the Oaths, which are the Instruments of
Investigation in Courts of Justice? And let us with Caution in-
dulge the Supposition, that Morality can be maintained without
Religion. Whatever may be conceded to the Influence of refined
Education, on Minds of peculiar Structure; Reason and Experi-
ence both forbid us to expect that national Morality can prevail,
in Exclusion of religious Principle.

'Tis substantially true, that Virtue or Morality is a necessary
Spring of popular Government. The Rule indeed extends with
more or less Force to every Species of free Government. Who,
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that is a sincere Friend to it, can look with indifference upon Attempts to shake the Foundation of the Fabric?

PROMOTE, then, as an Object of primary Importance, Institutions for the general Diffusion of Knowledge. In Proportion as the Structure of a Government gives Force to public Opinion, it is essential that public Opinion, should be enlightened.

As a very important Source of Strength and Security, cherish public Credit. One Method of preserving it is, to use it as sparingly as possible; avoiding Occasions of Expence by cultivating Peace, but remembering also that timely Disbursements to prepare for Danger frequently prevent much greater Disbursements to repel it; avoiding likewise the Accumulation of Debt, not only by shunning Occasions of Expence, but by vigorous Exertions in Time of Peace to discharge the Debts which unavoidable Wars may have occasioned, not ungenerously throwing upon Posterity the Burthen which we ourselves ought to bear. The Execution of these Maxims belongs to your Representatives, but it is necessary that public Opinion should co-operate. To facilitate to them the Performance of their Duty, it is essential that you should practically bear in Mind, that towards the Payment of Debts there must be a Revenue; that to have Revenue there must be Taxes; that no Taxes can be devised which are not more or less inconvenient and unpleasant; that the intrinsic Embarrassment inseparable from the Selection of the proper Objects (which is always a Choice of Difficulties) ought to be a decisive Motive for a candid Construction of the Conduct of the Government in making it, and for a Spirit of Acquiescence in the Measure for obtaining Revenue which the public Exigences may at any Time dictate.

OBSERVE good Faith and Justice towards all Nations; cultivate Peace and Harmony with all. Religion and Morality enjoin this Conduct; and can it be that good Policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and, at no distant Period, a great Nation, to give to Mankind the magnanimous and too novel Example of a People always guided by an exalted Justice and Benevolence. Who can doubt, that in the course of Time and Things the Fruits of such a Plan would richly repay any temporary Advantages which might be lost by a steady adherence to it? Can it be, that Providence has not connected the permanent Felicity of a Nation with its Virtue? The Experiment, at least, is recommended by every Sentiment which ennobles human Nature. Alas! is it rendered impossible by its Vices?

IN the Execution of such a Plan, nothing is more essential than that permanent, inveterate Antipathies against particular Nations, and passionate Attachments for others, should be excluded; and that in Place of them just and amicable Feelings towards all should be cultivated. The Nation which indulges towards another an habitual Hatred, or an habitual Fondness, is in some Degree a Slave.

Slave. It is a Slave to its Animosity or to its Affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its Duty and its Interest. Antipathy in One Nation against another, disposes each more readily to offer Insult and Injury, to lay hold of slight Causes of Umbrage, and to be haughty and intractable, when accidental or trifling Occasions of Dispute occur. Hence frequent Collisions, obstinate, envenomed and bloody Contests. The Nation, prompted by ill Will and Resentment, sometimes impels to War the Government, contrary to the best Calculations of Policy. The Government sometimes participates in the national Propensity, and adopts through Passion what Reason would reject; at other Times, it makes the Animosity of the Nation subservient to Projects of Hostility instigated by Pride, Ambition, and other sinister and pernicious Motives. The Peace often, sometimes perhaps the Liberty of Nations, has been the Victim.

So likewise, a passionate Attachment of One Nation for another produces a Variety of Evils. Sympathy for the favorite Nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common Interest, in Cases where no real common Interest exists, and infusing into one the Enmities of the other, betrays the former into a Participation in the Quarrels and Wars of the latter, without adequate Inducement or Justification. It leads also to Concessions to the favourite Nation of Privileges denied to others, which is apt doubly to injure the Nation making the Concessions; by unnecessarily parting with what ought to have been retained; and by exciting Jealousy, ill Will, and a Disposition to retaliate, in the Parties from whom equal Privileges are withheld; and it gives to ambitious, corrupted or deluded Citizens (who devote themselves to the favourite Nation) Facility to betray or sacrifice the Interests of their own Country, without Odium, sometimes even with Popularity; gilding with the Appearances of a virtuous Sense of Obligation, a commendable Deference for public Opinion, or a laudable Zeal for public good, the base or foolish Compliances of Ambition, Corruption or Infatuation.

As Avenues to foreign Influence in innumerable Ways, such Attachments are particularly alarming to the truly enlightened and independent Patriot. How many Opportunities do they afford to tamper with domestic Factions, to practise the Arts of Seduction, to mislead public Opinion, to influence or awe the public Councils! Such an Attachment of a small or weak, towards a great and powerful Nation, dooms the former to be the Satellite of the latter.

AGAINST the insidious Wiles of foreign Influence (I conjure you to believe me, Fellow-Citizens) the Jealousy of a free People ought to be *constantly* awake; since History and Experience prove that foreign Influence is one of the most baneful Foes of a Republican Government. But that Jealousy, to be useful, must be impartial; else it becomes the Instrument of the very Influence to be avoided, instead of a Defence against it. Excessive Partiality for one

one foreign Nation, and excessive Dislike of another, cause those whom they astute to see Danger only on one Side, and serve to Veil and even second the Arts of Influence on the other.—Real Patriots, who may resist the Intrigues of the Favourite, are liable to become suspected and odious ; while its Tools and Dupes usurp the Applause and Confidence of the People, to surrender their Interests.

THE great Rule of Conduct for us, in regard to foreign Nations, is, in extending our commercial Relations, to have with them as little *political* Connexion as possible. So far as we have already formed Engagements, let them be fulfilled with perfect good Faith.—Here let us Stop.

EUROPE has a Set of primary Interests, which to us have none, or a very remote Relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent Controversies, the Causes of which are essentially foreign to our Concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artifical Ties in the ordinary Vicissitudes of her Politics, or the ordinary Combinations and Collisions of her Friendships or Enmities.

OUR detached and distant Situation invites and enables us to pursue a different Course. If we remain one People, under an efficient Government, the Period is not far off when we may defy material Injury, from external Annoyance ; when we may take such an Attitude, as will cause the Neutrality we may at any Time resolve upon to be scrupulously respected ; when belligerent Nations, under the Impossibility of making Acquisitions upon us, will not lightly hazard the giving us Provocation ; when we may choose Peace or War, as our Interest, guided by Justice, shall counsel.

WHY forego the Advantages of so peculiar a Situation ? Why quit our own, to stand upon foreign Ground ? Why, by interweaving our Destiny with that of any Part of *Europe*, entangle our Peace and Prosperity in the Toils of European Ambition, Rivalship, Interest, Humour or Caprice ?

'Tis our true Policy to steer clear of permanent Alliances, with any Portion of the foreign World ; so far, I mean, as we are now at Liberty to do it ; for let me not be understood as capable of patronising Infidelity to existing Engagements. I hold the Maxim no less applicable to public than to private Affairs, that Honesty is always the best Policy. I repeat it, therefore, let those Engagements be observed in their genuine Sense. But, in my Opinion, it is unnecessary and would be unwise to extend them.

TAKING care always to keep ourselves, by suitable Establishments, on a respectable defensive Posture, we may safely trust to temporary Alliances for extraordinary Emergencies.

HARMONY, liberal Intercourse with all Nations, are recommended by Policy, Humanity, and Interest. But even our commercial

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Policy should hold an equal and impartial Hand ; neither seeking nor granting exclusive Favours or Preferences ; consulting the natural Course of Things ; diffusing and diversifying by gentle Means the Streams of Commerce, but forcing nothing ; establishing, with Powers so disposed, in order to give Trade a stable Course, to define the Rights of our Merchants, and to enable the Government to support them ; conventional Rules of Intercourse, the best that present Circumstances and mutual Opinion will permit, but temporary, and liable to be from Time to Time abandoned or varied, as Experience and Circumstances shall dictate ; constantly keeping in View, that 'tis Folly in one Nation to look for disinterested Favours from another ; that it must pay with a Portion of its Independence for whatever it may accept under that Character ; that by such Acceptance, it may Place itself in the Condition of having given Equivalents for nominal Favours, and yet of being reproached with Ingratitude for not giving more. There can be no greater Error, than to expect or calculate upon real Favours from Nation to Nation. 'Tis an Illusion which Experience must cure, which a just Pride ought to discard.

IN offering to you, my Countrymen, these Counsels of an old and affectionate Friend, I dare not hope they will make the strong and lasting Impression I could wish ; that they will controul the usual Current of the Passions, or prevent our Nation from running the Course which has hitherto marked the Destiny of Nations ; but if I may even flatter myself that they may be productive of some partial Benefit, some occasional Good ; that they may now and then recur to moderate the Fury of Party Spirit, to warn against the Mischiefs of foreign Intrigue, to guard against the Impostures of pretended Patriotism ; this Hope will be a full Recompence for the Solitude for your Welfare, by which they have been dictated.

How far, in the Discharge of my official Duties, I have been guided by the Principles which have been delineated, the public Records and other Evidences of my Conduct must Witness to you and to the World. To myself, the Assurance of my own Conscience is, that I have at least believed myself to be guided by them.

IN Relation to the still subsisting War in Europe, my Proclamation of the 22d of April 1793, is the Index to my Plan. Sanctioned by your approving Voice, and by that of your Representatives in both Houses of Congress, the Spirit of that Measure has continually governed me ; uninfluenced by any Attempts to deter or divert me from it.

AFTER deliberate Examination, with the Aid of the best Lights I could obtain, I was well satisfied that our Country, under all the Circumstances of the Case, had a Right to take, and was bound in Duty and Interest to take, a neutral Position. Having taken it, I determined, as far as should depend upon me, to maintain it with Moderation, Perseverance and Firmness.

THE Considerations which respect the Right to hold this Conduct, it is not necessary on this Occasion to detail. I will only observe, that according to my Understanding of the Matter, that Right, so far from being denied by any of the belligerent Powers, has been virtually admitted by all.

THE Duty of holding a neutral Conduct may be inferred, without any Thing more, from the Obligation which Justice and Humanity impose on every Nation, in Cases in which it is free to act, to maintain inviolate the Relations of Peace and Amity towards other Nations.

THE Inducements of Interest for observing that Conduct will be best referred to your own Reflections and Experience. With me, a predominant Motive has been, to endeavour to gain Time to our Country to settle and mature its yet recent Institutions, and to progress without Interruption to that Degree of Strength and Consistency, which is necessary to give it, humanly speaking, the Command of its own Fortunes.

THOUGH in reviewing the Incidents of my Administration, I am unconscious of intentional Error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my Defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many Errors.

WHATEVER they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the Evils to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the Hope that my Country will never cease to view them with Indulgence; and that after Forty-five Years of my Life dedicated to its Service, with an upright Zeal, the Faults of incompetent Abilities will be consigned to Oblivion, as myself must soon be to the Mansions of Rest.

RELYING on its Kindness in this as in other Things, and actuated by that fervent Love towards it, which is so natural to a Man, who views in it the native Soil of himself and his Progenitors for several Generations, I anticipate with pleasing Expectation that Retreat, in which I promise myself to realize, without Alloy, the sweet Enjoyment of partaking, in the midst of my Fellow-Citizens, the benign Influence of good Laws under a free Government, the ever favourite Object of my Heart, and the happy Reward, as I trust, of our mutual Cares, Labours and Dangers.

G. WASHINGTON.

United States, 17th September, 1796.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Peleg Clarke, George Champlin, Com. to Charles Lippitt, Thomas Noyes, Esquires, and the Secretary be, and prepare an they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare and report an Address to the United States. the Presi-
dent.

^{4 D. 33 C.} *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars and Thirty-three Cents be allowed and paid to Thomas Tew, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Newport, out of the General Treasury, in Specie or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for the Support and Prison-Fees of a poor Prisoner committed at the Suit of the State, and for Repairs made on the said Gaol.*

^{10 D. allow.} *WHEREAS Alexander Brown, of North-Kingstown, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in the Year 1792, he was committed to close Gaol in the County of Newport, on Suspicion of being an Accomplice in the Murther of Thomas Mowry, who, as it was afterwards proved, was then living; and that he incurred thereby a considerable Expence; and thereupon prayed this Assembly to make him a reasonable Compensation: Which being duly considered,*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Dollars be allowed and paid to the said Alexander Brown, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Satisfaction for his said Expences.

*Christopher Ellery
permitted to
plant trees a-
bout the Gaol
in Newport.*

Upon the Petition of Christopher Ellery, Esq.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Christopher Ellery, be permitted to appropriate the Sum of Twenty Dollars (if so much shall be collected) out of the Fines that may be collected by him the present Year as a Justice of the Peace, in planting Trees about the Gaol in Newport; he having engaged to furnish the Trees, and such Money as may be wanting, in Addition to the Fines to be collected as aforesaid, to complete the said Sum of Twenty Dollars.

*R. Congdon
to sell Can-
non.*

WHEREAS there are Two Cannon, belonging to the State, in Charlestown, so impaired as to be rendered entirely unserviceable: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Robert Congdon be, and he is hereby appointed and empowered to sell the laid Cannon for the Benefit of the State: And that he account for the same.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-seven Dollars be allowed and paid to Joseph Reynolds, Keeper of the Gaol in South-Kingstown, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

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^{Olney & Son.}

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty Dollars and Forty-one Cents be allowed and paid to Messrs. Christopher Olney and Son, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being

ing the Amount of their Account for Paper delivered to the Secretary to print the Schedules upon, and for other public Uses.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirteen Dollars and Seventy-five Cents be allowed and paid to Messrs. Carter and Wilkinson, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Account for a Book for Records for the Secretary's Office, and for Printing done for the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents be allowed and paid to Walter White, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Washington, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Repairs made on the State-House and Gaol in South-Kingstown.

An ACT more effectually to prevent the Fish from being interrupted in their Course up Pawcatuck, alias Narragansett River.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority therof it is hereby Enacted, That no Person or Persons shall erect any Wear, or set any Seine within this State extending to the Westermost Boundaries thereof, across any Part of Pawcatuck, alias Narragansett River, or any Branch thereof, or River, or Brook leading or running into said Pawcatuck, alias Narragansett River, where the Fish usually pass up, from the First Day of March to the Twentieth day of June annually, upon the Penalty of Fifty Dollars Fine for every Twenty-four Hours for each Wear standing after Complaint shall be made: That no Contrivance whatever shall be made, placed, or erected for the obstructing or impeding the Course of the Fish in the said River, or in any of the Branches thereof, under the Penalty of Ten Dollars for every Twenty-four Hours that the Fish shall be so obstructed from passing up: That no Person shall, with any Instrument, Weapon, or Contrivance whatever, strike, or thresh on the Water, or heave any Thing into the Water in order to stop, or turn the Course of the Fish in the said River, upon the Penalty of Five Dollars for each and every Offence: That no one Individual Person or Persons shall fish with, or tend more than One Scoop-Net in order to catch Fish in the said River, or in any of the Branches thereof, so as to obstruct or incommodate any other Person or Persons from any suitable Birth or Place to fish, upon the Penalty of Five Dollars: And that no Person or Persons shall fish with a Net, or any other Instrument on Saturdays or Sundays in order to catch Fish in the said River, or in any of the Branches thereof where the Fish usually pass up, on the Penalty of Five Dollars for each and every Offence.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Mill Dams upon the said Pawcatuck, alias Narragansett-River, or upon any of the Branches thereof where the Fish usually pass up, shall be opened upon the First Day of March, and shall continue open to the last Day of May following, annually; that each and every of the said Mill-Dams shall be opened Fifteen Feet wide, and to the Bottom or Bed of said River in Depth (excepting only One Mud-Sill to support the Dam, if any there be) and in such Place and Manner as the Freemen who shall be annually appointed shall direct: That any Person or Persons, who shall neglect or refuse to open his, her, or their Dam or Dams, agreeably to the Direction of the Persons who shall be annually appointed, as hereinafter directed, to order the same, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine the Sum of *Fifty Dollars*: That if any Person or Persons shall persist in refusing to open his, her, or their Dam, as before directed, the Persons who shall be appointed by any Town agreeably to this Act shall be, and are hereby authorized and fully empowered to open, or cause such Dam or Dams to be opened at the Expence of the Owner or Owners, who shall have no Remedy: And that every Person who shall be aiding or assisting, either by Day or Night, in stopping up any of the Gaps that shall be opened in any of the said Mill-Dams, for the Purpose of the Fish passing up, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine *Five Dollars* for each Hour the same shall be kept shut.*

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every of the Towns of Westerly, Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered, to choose Two Freemen in each Town, who shall be under Engagement, to inspect into the Fishery in the said River, and in the Branches thereof, and to prosecute all Persons whom they shall discover to have been guilty of any Breach or Breaches of the Laws of this State in that Case made and provided: And that the Person or Persons guilty of the Breaches of the Law as aforesaid shall and may be prosecuted upon Complaint being made by any other Person.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Breaches of, and Offences against, this Act shall and may be enquired into by any Three Justices of the Peace within the County of Washington, who are hereby fully empowered to hear such Matter or Offence, and try the same, and give Judgment thereon, and, on Conviction of any Offender in the Premises before them, to give forth a Warrant to the Sheriff, his Deputy, or to either of the Town-Sergeants, or Constables in the said County, to distrain so much of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender (unless he shall pay the same on Conviction, with Costs) as shall satisfy and pay the Fine incurred by a Breach of this Act, and Costs; and for Want thereof, such Offender shall be committed to Prison, there to remain till the Judgment be satisfied: And that One Moiety or Half Part of such Fine shall go to the Complainant, or Person who

who shall prosecute for the same, and the other Half to the Town-Treasurer of the Town where the Offender shall be prosecuted, to and for the Use of such Town.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Laws heretofore made concerning the Fishery in the said Pawcatuck, alias Narragansett-River be, and they are hereby, repealed.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of this State have suffered great In-
convenience and Injury by the frequent Obstructions of Fish in
their passing up Pawcatuck, alias Narragansett-River :

*IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Joseph Stanton, jun.
Thomas Noyes, and Oliver Davis, Esquires be, and they are hereby,
appointed a Committee to confer with such Committee as may be
appointed by the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, on the*

*Subject of the Fishery in the said River; and with them, to form
such Regulations as they shall jointly think expedient to be enacted
by the Legislatures of both States, to promote the Usefulness
of the said Fishery: And that, if such Committee shall be appointed
on the Part of the State of Connecticut, the said Committee of
this State make Report, of the Measures which shall be agreed
upon by the joint Committee, to this Assembly, as soon as may be.*

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Connecticut, a Copy of this Resolution, to be laid before the Legislature of that State.

WHEREAS Edward Boos, of Providence, in the County of Providence, Mariner, hath appeared before this Assembly, and represented, that at the Court of Common Pleas held in Providence, in December, A. D. 1795, Judgment was rendered in Favour of the General-Treasurer, in Behalf of the State, against him for Two Hundred Dollars, as the Penalty for violating the Law to prevent the spreading of contagious Diseases, with Costs; and that he hath incurred the said Penalty without an intentional Violation of the Law: And it appearing to this Assembly from divers Circumstances, that the Fault of the said Edward Boos admits of Extenuation, and that he may be favoured with Equity:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That Three Fourth Parts of the Debt of the Judgment aforesaid be remitted, upon Condition that the said Edward Boos shall pay the remaining Fourth Part of the said Penalty, with the Costs which have accrued, into the General-Treasury; and that upon Payment thereof he shall be discharged from the said Judgment.

The following Address and Report were made to this Assembly, *to wit:*

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FEBRUARY, 1797.

*An Address from the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island,
and Providence-Plantations,*

To George Washington, President of the United States of America.

SIR,

HAVING felt in common with our Constituents, the Importance of your military and civil Services, and being deeply affected by the Resolution you have formed of retiring from public Life, we beg Leave to express to you our Sentiments and Feelings on this interesting Occasion.

IT is with the most painful Emotions we anticipate the Loss our national Government must inevitably sustain, in being deprived of your Counsel and Energy: But we acknowledge you have a just Claim to an Exemption from the Cares and Solitude incident to the most exalted Stations: A Claim founded upon the Exercise of the greatest Virtues and Talents for Forty-five Years of your Life, devoted to the public Service. And while we acquiesce in the Justice of your Claim to the tranquil Enjoyments of private Life, we indulge a Hope that your Successors in Office will never cease to be animated by the Influence of your Example.

YOUR Address to the People, announcing the Resolution which hath roused the Recollection and called forth the Feelings of United America, entitles you to our Gratitude, Esteem and Affection: For we deem it, not only expressive of your unabated Zeal for the public Good, but replete with Maxims and Principles grounded upon the most extensive and accurate Conceptions of the great Interest of our Country. Maxims and Principles, which you have successfully pursued to preserve the Peace and increase the Prosperity of our infant Republic; and which we trust will be adhered to by the present and future Generations.

Twice have you been called by the unanimous suffrage of a free and enlightened People to fill the highest Office in their Gift; and we have seen you for Eight Years anxiously employed in the Execution of all the Duties annexed to it. In the Course of which you have had to contend with, and have triumphed over, foreign Influence, Faction and domestic Violence. And in reviewing your Administration we are led to believe, that it is owing, in a great Degree, to the Excellence of the Federal Constitution, and your wise, firm and patriotic Administration, that the United States are at this Day free from the Horrors and Calamities of Anarchy and War.

BUT we need not dwell upon your public Services. The Annals of the Union furnish ample and indubitable Proofs of your disinterested Zeal, Fortitude, and Wisdom, and of the various important and, under God, successful Services you have rendered to your Country. In those impartial Records Posterity will read your Eulogium with the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude.

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It becomes us therefore, to mingle our affectionate Addresses with those of our Sister States, for the great national Benefits derived from your military and civil Services, and to offer up, to the Supreme Author of all the Blessings we enjoy, our fervent Supplications, that in your Retirement to the private Walks of Life, you may participate with your Fellow-Citizens in the uninterrupted Enjoyment of that Liberty and Happiness secured to us all, by our free and happy Constitution. And we sincerely hope that you may, in the decline of Life, rejoice in the Reflection of your having deserved, and experienced the Gratitude of your Country.

To the Honourable the General Assembly.

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, we beg leave to report the preceding Address, which is submitted by

PELEG CLARKE,
GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
CHARLES LIPPITT,
THOMAS NOYES,
HENRY WARD,
} Com.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly do unanimously approve of the Address to the President of the *United States*, reported by the joint Committee of both Houses: That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to cause a fair Copy thereof to be made, and sign and transmit the same to the President, in the Name and Behalf of this Assembly: And that the aforesaid Address be entered upon the public Records, and inserted in the Schedules of the Doings of this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Harris, Esq. Mr. Nicholas Taylor, Mr. Richard Jackson, jun. Oliver Davis, Esq. Ichabod Cole, Esq. Mr. Job Greene, the Secretary, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to count the Proxes put in, on the Fifteenth Day of November last, in the several Towns, for the First Representative of this State in the Fifth Congress of the *United States*; and that they make Report to this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eleven Dollars and Twenty-five Cents be allowed and paid to *Bennett Wheeler, Esq.* out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Printing done for the State, to the present Time.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-three Dollars and Seventy-six Cents be allowed and paid to *Mr. Nathaniel Phillips*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Printing done for the State to this Time.

9 D. 75 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Nine Dollars and Seventy five allowed R. Cents be allowed and paid to *Richard Smith*, Esq. Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for distributing the Acts of the General Assembly, Commissions and Proclamations to the proper Officers in the said County.

8 D. allowed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Eight Dollars be allowed and ed C. N. paid to *Mr. Caleb N. Gardner*, out of the General-Treasury, in Gardner. Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Wood supplied for the Use of the Courts in the County of *Washington*.

R. Jones and Daughters to be clothed and set to Work. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Washington* furnish *Robert Jones*, *Mary Jones*, and *Rebecca Jones*, now poor Prisoners, at the Suit of the State, in the Gaol in the County aforesaid, with comfortable and decent Cloathing, at the Expence of the State: That he have Liberty to employ them, if they consent thereto in Labour for the Benefit of the State: And that he Account to this Assembly for the Proceeds of such Labour.

200 D. of W. Kelley's Fine remit. *IT having been made to appear to this Assembly, by the Testimony of the Select-Men of *Mendon*, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and of a Number of respectable Inhabitants of that Commonwealth, and of this State, that *Willis Kelley*, of *Mendon* aforesaid, who was convicted, at the Term of the Superior Court held in *Providence*, in September last, of uttering a counterfeit Dollar, and fined *Three Hundred Dollars*, with Costs, hath uniformly sustained a good Character, that Instance only excepted; that he is a poor Man, and unable to procure by his Industry more than a sufficient Support for his Family, he having been born without a right Hand or Arm to the Elbow: That *Seth Kelley*, the Father of the said *Willis Kelley*, hath, with great Trouble and Difficulty, hired the Money to pay the said Fine and Costs, which he hath discharged to extricate his Son from his distressed Situation; and that the said *Seth Kelley* is now in poor Circumstances, old, infirm, and almost totally blind, and cannot pay the said Sum without greatly distressing him and his Family:*

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, in Consideration of the Premises, That the said *Seth Kelley* be allowed the Sum of *Two Hundred Dollars*, being Part of the said Fine; and that the same be paid him out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

Com. to as. certain the thereof it is hereby Enacted, That Messrs. *Edward Manton*, and Damages to Individuals *David Sayles* be, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to appraise and ascertain the Damages done to *Charles Love*, *Samuel Rice*,

Rice, and Molly Guile, by the Relay and Alteration of the Post-Road from Providence to Plainfield; and that they make Report to the Turnpike Roads this Assembly at the next Session.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Providence and Norwich Turnpike Company shall pay to the said Charles Love, Samuel Rice, and Molly Guile, the Sums which shall be assessed by the said Committee as Damages, the said Company shall be, and hereby are authorized to add the Sums so paid and advanced to the Sum which their Charter authorizes them to levy and expend; and also to add such other Sums as the said Company have heretofore advanced for straitening, altering and repairing the said Road, over and above the Sum which by their said Charter they were authorized to advance: And that the said Company be, and they are hereby authorized to reimburse themselves for the Sums so advanced, and to be advanced, by the Tolls to be collected on the said Road agreeably to their said Charter.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee proceed immediately to discharge the Duties of their said Appointment, and inform the said Company of the Result of their Proceedings, and the Amount of the Damages by them assessed, at the Meeting of the said Company on the First Monday in April next.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby directed to prosecute the Demands of the State against the Estate of Thomas Aldrich, Esq. deceased, before such Court, and in such Time, as he shall think most adviseable. Claims on T. Aldrich's Estate to be prosecuted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Dollars and Ninety-one Cents and a Half be allowed and paid to Rhoda Jenckes, Administratrix of the Estate of Daniel Jenckes, deceased, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, for the Attendance and Travel of the said Daniel Jenckes and Rhoda Jenckes, as Witnesses on the Trial of Willis Kelley, who was convicted of uttering a counterfeit Dollar. 3 D. 9 1/2 C. allowed R. Jenckes.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Dollars be allowed and paid to Fleet Brown, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of Providence, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Services and Expenses of himself and his Aid in apprehending, and committing to the Gaol in the aforesaid County, one Nathan Eagleston Colson, who was charged with Horse-Stealing. 5 D. allowed F. Brown.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, to be holden, by Law, at Newport, within and for the County of Newport, on the First Monday in March, A. D. 1797, be, and hereby is, adjourned. Newport Sup. Court adjourned.

journed to the Second *Monday* in the same Month, then to convene: That all Business before the said Court be then taken up, heard, and determined, in the same Manner as the same might be done at the said stated Term: That all Jurors, who were by Notification to appear at the said stated Term, appear at the said adjourned Term, to be holden on the said Second *Monday* in *March*: And that all Executions returnable at the said stated Term, be returned to the Adjournment hereby ordered.

Attorney. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General be, and General to he is hereby appointed to enquire into the Amount of the Claims examine the of *George Howell*, against such of his Debtors as have paid their *Howell*. respective Debts into the General-Treasury of this State, by Order of this Assembly: And that he make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That so much as shall appear to this Assembly to be due to the said *George Howell*, deducting *Twenty per Cent.* therefrom, be paid to the said *George Howell*, or to his Attorney out of the General-Treasury, in full satisfaction for the said Claims.

Report of the Gov. of the Votes for a Representative in the Fourth Congres. The following Report was made to this Assembly, to wit:

State of RHODE-ISLAND, &c.

To the Honourable the General Assembly to be convened at East-Greenwich, on the last Monday in the present Month.

BENJAMIN BOURN, Esq. who was the First Representative from this State, in the Fourth Congress of the United States, having resigned his Seat, I did by Virtue of the Power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States, issue my Warrants to the several Town-Clerks, to call the Freemen together in their respective Town-Meetings, on the *Fifteenth Day of November* last, to elect a duly qualified Person in his Stead, to serve until the *Fourth Day of March* next, and directed the Returns to be made to me on the *Nineteenth Day of the same Month*; which was accordingly done. On that Day, in the Council-Chamber, in *Providence*, Mr. *Hazard*, Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Job Watson*, and Mr. *Harris*, of the House of Magistrates, Mr. *Smith*, of the House of Representatives, and the *Secretary* attending, the Proxes were opened and counted. By them it appeared that *Elisha R. Potter*, Esq. had One Thousand Six Hundred and Nineteen Votes, and *Peleg Arnold*, Esq. Six Hundred and Sixty-two Votes, so that the former was elected by a Majority of Nine Hundred and Fifty-seven Votes. There were a few scattering Votes which were not numbered. I therefore agreeably to the Law of this State, issued a Commission to the said *Elisha R. Potter*, under the public Seal for the said Office.—A List of the Votes is herewith presented.

ARTHUR FENNER, *Governor.*

Providence, Feb. 15th, 1797.

Which

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

To the Honourable General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island, &c.

THE Committee appointed to count the Proxes given in on the Fifteenth Day of November, A. D. 1796, for the First Representative of this State in the Fifth Congress of the United States, having completed the Purpose of their Appointment, do report, that upon counting the Proxes it appeared that *Eliba R. Potter*, Esq. was elected by a Majority of Nine Hundred and Thirty-five Votes. There being no Returns from the Towns of *Coventry* and *Warren*, the Votes of the Freemen in those Towns were not regarded in this Statement, nor the inconsiderable Number of scattering Votes in the other Towns. Which is submitted by

Report of
the Com.
who counted
the Proxes
for a Repre-
sentative in
the Fifth
Congress.

JOHN HARRIS,	Com.
NICHOLAS TAYLOR,	
RICHARD JACKSON, jun.	
OLIVER DAVIS,	
ICHABOD COLE,	
JOB GREENE,	
HENRY WARD,	

WILLIAM MARCHANT.

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

IN Obedience to Two Acts of the General Assembly, One passed at the Session held in *January*, A. D. 1795, and the other at the Session held in *June*, A. D. 1795, making Provision for the Transfer of the Stock of the United States, belonging to this State, to the individual Creditors thereof, the General-Treasurer respectfully offers to the Legislature the following Report, *to wit*:

Report of
the General
Treasurer
on the Debts
of the State.

544 Abstracts issued, composing the following Kinds of State Debt, in which is included the Amount reported at last June Session.	Doll. Cts.
316 Impost Certificates, amounting, with Interest, to	7746 64
490 Interest Certificates on Loan-Office Certificates,	ditto, 11400 30
202 Certificates, issued by <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Commissioner of Loans,	ditto, 147355 84
155 Teaming Certificates,	ditto, 9821 30
12 Invalid Certificates,	ditto, 716 93
10 Certificates for Military Service,	ditto, 186 94
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		Dollars. Cts.
7 Card Notes,	ditto,	790 42
114 Notes, issued previous to the late glorious Revolution,	ditto,	11495 99
17 Notes for Boats and Scows,	ditto,	938 67
24 Notes given for Stock driven from <i>Rhode- Island</i> ,	ditto,	3923 35
84 Notes for Payment of Debts due to the Creditors of Absentees, whose Estates were confiscated,	ditto,	38676 29
63 Notes for Commissary of Purchases Certifi- cates, and <i>June</i> , 1780 Money, funded on real Estate,	ditto,	10753 84
339 Notes for Pay, and Depreciation of Pay, of the late Continental Army,	ditto,	54875 2
1494 Notes for sinking Four per Cent. Notes,	ditto,	110555 26
632 Notes for consolidating Paper Money,	ditto,	31080 35
293 Notes for consolidating Securities issued for Paper Money,	ditto,	63277 61
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>503594 76</u>

Disposition of the above Debt of 503594 Dollars 76 Cents.	
1/3th issuable in Certificates for funded Stock	
of <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Commissioner of Loans, a mounting to	419662 30
1/3th issuable in State Certificates, unprovided for,	83932 46
	<u>Dollars</u>
	<u>503594 76</u>

Certificates issued, in Discharge of the above Debt, to divers Creditors, *to wit* :

324 Certificates for funded Stock of <i>Jabez Bow- en</i> , Commissioner of Loans,	383105 63
325 Certificates for Balance due from the State,	76621 12
unprovided for,	

Total Amount issued to *October 24th, 1795*, *Dollars. 459726 75*

All which is submitted by

HENRY SHERBURNE, General-Treasurer.
Newport, October 26th, 1795.

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

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An ACT to prevent Danger to the Town of
Newport, from Gunpowder on Ship-Board in
the Harbour of Newport.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That no Ship or Vessel, having more
than Five Barrels of Gunpowder on board, shall come to Anchor
in the Harbour of Newport, any where to the Eastward of Goat-
Island, and lye there more than Twenty-four Hours after Notice
and Warning shall be given by the President of the Town-Coun-
cil of the said Town, upon the Penalty of Two Dollars per Barrel
for every Barrel of Gunpowder on board such Ship or Vessel, com-
ing to, and remaining at, Anchor contrary to this Act, to be recov-
ered of the Master, Supercargo, or Owner of such Ship or Vessel,
by the Town-Treasurer of the said Town, to and for the Use of the
said Town, before any Court proper to try the same.

WHEREAS the following Statement was presented to this Assem-
bly, to wit : Act to trans-
fer the Bal-
ance of fun-
ded Stock.

*Dr. the State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with Jabez Bowen,
Trustee.*

	Dolls. Cents.
1796. To Amount of Six per Cent. Stock issued	
Dec. 31. to divers Persons, pursuant to Certificates	
from Henry Sberburne, Esq. General- Treasurer,	217291 26
Balance in my Hands, as Trustee,	1237 4
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	218528 30
To the Amount of deferred Stock, issued	
in the same Manner,	110473 40
Balance in my Hands,	630 25
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	111103 65
To the Amount of Three per Cent Stock,	
issued in the same Manner,	64975 77
Balance in my Hands,	377 46
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	65353 23

Creditor.

1796. By the Amount of funded Six per Cent. Stock, placed on the Books of the Com- missioner of Loans,	218528 30
By the Amount of the deferred Stocks, on the same Books,	<hr/> 111103 65
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By the Amount of Three per Cent. Stock,
on the same Books,

Dolls. Cts.

65353 23

United States Loan-Office, State of Rhode-Island, &c.

January 1st, 1797.

JABEZ BOWEN, *Commissioner.*

Which Statement being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Jabez Bowen be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to transfer the whole of the abovementioned Balance of funded Stock, in his Hands, to *Henry Sherburne, Esq.* who is hereby authorized to receive the same, together with the Interest and Dividend, as Trustee for the State.

Acceding
Part of the
Gaol-Lot in
E. Gran-
wich to R.
Mathewson,
and E.
Mowry.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit* :

THE Subscribers, who were appointed by the Honourable the General Assembly, at the Session held in *February, A. D. 1796*, to consider the Application made by *Richard Mathewson, Esq.* to receive a certain Part of the Wharf Lot on which the Gaol now stands, in *East-Greenwich*, as a Compensation for his personal Services in building the said Gaol and Wharf, beg Leave to report, that, in our Opinion, it will be for the Interest of the State to convey to the said *Richard Mathewson*, so much of the said Wharf and Lot as lies to the Eastward of a Line to be drawn Forty Feet from the East Side of the Gaol-House, and running about North and South, parallel with the East Sill, across the Wharf, with Liberty to pass to and from the same, with Teams and otherwise; provided the said *Richard Mathewson* shall obligate himself and his Assigns to keep the Part so granted him, together with the Gangway in good Repair forever. Which is submitted by

WILLIAM GREENE,
RICHARD JACKSON, jun. }
GEORGE THOMAS, } Com.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be accepted; and that the General-Treasurer make and execute a Deed, in Behalf of the State, to the said *Richard Mathewson*, and to *Earl Mowry*, of so much of the said Wharf and Lot, together with the Gangway, as the same are recommended to be ceded, and are described in the aforesaid Report, which shall vest in the said *Richard Mathewson*, and *Earl Mowry*, their Heirs and Assigns, all the Right, Title and Interest the State hath therein, and shall be in full Compensation for their Services in building the said Gaol and Lot; and that it be inserted as a Condition in the Deed that, if the said *Richard Mathewson* and *Earl Mowry*, and their Heirs and Assigns, shall neglect to keep the said Part of the Wharf, and the said Gangway, hereby ceded to them, in good and sufficient Repair forever, then

then this Grant shall cease and determine, and the hereby granted Premises shall revert to the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Three Dollars ^{103 D. 31.} be allowed and paid to *Sylvester Robinson*, Esq. out of the General-
Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Compensation for his Services, as a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the Terms of the said Court held in the Years 1790, 1791, and 1792.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirteen Dollars and Sixty Cents ^{13 D. 60 C.} be allowed and paid to *William V. King*, Esq. out of the General-
Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of Three Bills of Cost upon Three Actions commenced by the State against *William Harvey*, in which he was the Attorney, which were remitted to the said *Harvey* by this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Hunter*, *Caleb Harris*, ^{Com. to re-} *George Thomas*, *Benjamin Bourne*, Esquires, and Mr. *William Greene*, ^{vise the} of *East-Greenwich*, be, and they are hereby appointed, with the Attorney-General, and *David L. Barnes*, Esq. a Committee to proceed upon and complete the Revision of the Laws; that they be empowered to report such Alterations in the Judicial System or other Laws of the State, as they shall think proper; that the major Part of the Committee have Power to accomplish the Purpose of their Appointment; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

An ACT to incorporate a Society, by the Name of *The Smithfield Third Library-Company*.

WHEREAS Mr. *Joshua Jenckes*, of *Smithfield*, in the County ^{to} of *Providence*, hath represented unto this Assembly, that *The Smithfield* himself with others have associated themselves into a Company in ^{Third} *Smithfield* aforesaid, which they have denominated *The Smithfield Library-Company*, for the Purpose of establishing a Library of useful Books: And whereas the said Company have made Application to this Assembly for a Charter of Incorporation: Therefore, to encourage and promote so useful and laudable a Design,

THIS Assembly do Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said *Joshua Jenckes*, *Joseph Wilkinson*, *Simeon Wilkinson*, *Nathan Dexter*, *Christopher Dexter*, *Abab Mowry*, *Benjamin Ballou, jun.*, *Jesse Mowry*, *Charles Wright*, *Joseph Hendrick*, *Winsor Aldrich*, *Rufus Streeter*, *Jeremiah Newman*, *Samuel Clarke*, *Nathaniel Mowry*, *William Mowry*, *Jesse Whipple*, *Nabum Aldrich*, *George Harris*, *Simon Whipple*, *Job Page*, *Stephen Clarke*, *Sally Page*, *Amos Lapbam*, *Adam Jenckes*, *William Jenckes*; *George Eddy*, *Peter Harris*, *Samuel Mann*, *Nathaniel Streeter*, *William Harris*,

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George Hill, John Jenckes, jun. Isaac Comstock, Nicholas Jenckes, Lewis Dexter, Charles Singell, jun. Edward Tripp, James Bryan, Jonathan Harris, Simon Harris, Thomas Mann, Benjamin Newell, Jesse Harris, George Streeter, Dutee Ballou, Smith Sayles, Welcome Harris, George Chase, Jonathan Lapham, Nathaniel Spaulding, William Aldrich, jun. and Job Lapham; being the present Members, and all others who shall be admitted by them, Members of the said Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a Body politic and corporate, to subsist at all Times forever hereafter, in Deed and Name, by the Name of *The Smithfield Third Library-Company*; and by that Name shall and may have perpetual Succession, and be Persons able and capable in Law to have, hold, receive, and enjoy Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Rents in Fee Simple, or for Term of Life, Lives, Years or otherwise, not exceeding the Value of *Five Thousand Dollars*; and also Goods, Chattels, and all other Things of what Nature, Kind, or Quality soever: And also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels; and to do and execute all other Things about the same by the Name aforesaid.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That they and their Successors, by the Name of *The Smithfield Third Library-Company*, be, and forever hereafter shall be, a Company of Persons, able, capable and liable, to sue and be sued; to plead and be impleaded; to answer and be answered unto; to defend and be defended against, in all and any of the Courts of Law, or otherwise before any of the Judges, Justices, or other Persons whomsoever; in all Manner of Actions, Complaints, or Pleas whatsoever. And it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company and their Successors, forever hereafter, to have One common Seal for their own Use; and the same at their Will and Pleasure to change and alter:*

AND for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said Company, It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, to assemble and meet together on the First Saturday in April, in every Year; and at such other Times as they shall think convenient, at their Library, or other suitable Place, in the said Town of Smithfield: Provided that due Notice be given at least Four Days before the Time of Meeting; if the same be specially called, not only of the Day, Hour and Place of such Meeting, but of the Cause thereof, and the Matters to be transacted therein: And that the said Company, or One Third Part of them at least, being met in Person, or by Proxy, duly constituted in Writing, shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to make, institute and establish such Laws, Statutes and Orders as shall appear unto them, or the major Part of them present, to be useful and necessary for the Government, Regulation and Direction of the Company, and of every Member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the Election and Nomination of Officers for the said Company; and for limiting,

limiting, appointing and defining their Trust and Authority; and for admitting of new Members; and to do all Things concerning the Government, Estate, Goods, Revenue, and all other the Business and Affairs of the said Company: All which Laws, Statutes and Orders so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every Member; and be from Time to Time inviolably observed according to the Tenor and Effect of them: Provided they be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

AND for the easier and better Government of the said Company, *IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Company, at their said Meeting on the First Saturday in April, shall annually choose Three Directors, a Treasurer and Librarian for the said Company.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the compact Part of the Town of *East-Greenwich*, including *Peirce-Street*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that there is no Fire-Engine in the said Town; and that, being greatly impressed with the Danger of a Fire's breaking out in the said compact Part of the said Town, they have formed themselves into a Society to procure a Fire-Engine, with Intent to make such Regulations, and adopt such Measures, as will have a Tendency to prevent the Calamities consequent upon the breaking out of Fire in the said Town; and thereupon prayed this Assembly that a Charter of Incorporation, may be granted them by the Name of *The Fire Engine-Company*, with the Powers necessary to enable them to effect, as far as possible, the Purposes for which they have entered into the Society:

Which being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That *William Greene, Jonathan Salisbury, Thomas Arnold, Andrew Boyd, David Pinnegar, Caleb Coggeshall, Clarke Brown, William Sweet, Edward Spencer, John Sprague, Benjamin Howland, John Casey, Othniel Wightman, Daniel Peirce, Dan Taylor, Gideon Mumford, Caleb Greene, Philip Peirce, William Arnold, Richard Mathewson, Ezra Simmons, Micah Whitmarsh, Oliver Wickes, Peleg Olin, Peter Turner, James Miller, Henry Niles, James Peirce, Samuel Tripp, Benjamin Winslow, John Glazier, Nicholas R. Gardner, Jonathan Niles, James Greene, and Caleb Welden*, being the aforesaid Petitioners, and all others who shall by them be admitted as Members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected and made a Body politic and corporate, to subsist at all Times forever hereafter in Deed and Name, by the Name of *The Fire Engine-Company*; and by that Name shall and may have perpetual Succession; and forever hereafter shall be a Company, or Persons, able, capable, and liable to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all or any of the Courts of Law, or otherwise,

therwise, before any of the Judges, Justices, or other Persons whomsoever, in all Manner of Actions or Pleas whatsoever; and may hold Property by Gift, Grant, or otherwise, in the Name of their Treasurer.

AND for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said Company, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, and their Successors, to assemble and meet together on the First Monday in June, every Year, in order to choose a Treasurer, and such other Officers as they shall think necessary or expedient, and also proper Persons to work the said Engine, and to transact the Business of the Company.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Monies ordered to be raised by the said Company, for the Purchase and Support of the said Engine, shall be voted by a Majority of the said Company, and be assessed and levied upon the whole of the Inhabitants of the compact Part of the said Town of *East-Greenwich*, including *Petree-Street*, in Proportion to the Valuation of the Estate of each and every Person, in Assessment in State and Town Taxes: And that all other Persons being Inhabitants of the Town of *Warwick*, who shall join the said Company, shall at all Times be assessed in Proportion to the Sum total of their Estates as given in at the Time of their subscribing, so long as they shall retain Property equal thereto.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, in all Cases of Neglect or Refusal to pay the Taxes which shall be so assessed, Application shall be made to a Justice of the Peace in the said Town of *East-Greenwich*, who shall issue his Warrant, authorizing any proper Officer, in the County of *Kent*, to distrain so much of the personal Property of the Person so neglecting or refusing as will satisfy and pay such Tax and Cost, and to sell the same within Three Days after Distraint made, at public Auction, unless the same shall be previously redeemed by the Delinquent: And that if any overplus Sum shall remain upon the Sale of such Property, after deducting the Sum due for the said Tax, together with all Costs, it shall be returned to the Delinquent.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the well governing of the said Company, they be, and hereby are authorized, when legally assembled, to make such By-Laws as to them shall appear necessary for the Regulation and Government of the said Company; provided such By Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

88 D. 46 C.
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Ward.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eighty-eight Dollars and Forty-six Cents* be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward, Esq.* out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Services, as Secretary, since the Session in *October*.

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An ACT authorizing the Superior Court to enforce the Production of Books and Papers, in certain Cases.

WHEREAS there is no Court of Chancery in this State, authorized to compel any Partner or Partners in Trade, who embezzle, secrete, or refuse to produce the Books or Papers in their Possession, relating to their Partnership Concerns, to be inspected or used by their Copartners, as Occasion may require, whereby divers Inconveniences have arisen and may arise:

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BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, upon Application made to them in any County in this State, by any Partner in Trade, stating that his Copartner, or Copartners, have in his, her, or their Possession, or in the Possession of any other Person, or Persons, for him, her, or them, or in any Way or Manner under his, her, or their Controul, any Books or Papers, relating to their Partnership Concerns, which he, she, or they refuse to produce, to be inspected or used by the Party making such Application, shall have Power to issue a Subpoena to the Party or Parties complained of, enjoining on him, her, or them, to appear before the said Court, at such Time and Place as they shall appoint, to render an Account, on Oath, of the Books and Papers relating to the said Partnership Concerns, which may be in his, her, or their Possession, or in the Possession of any other Person, or Persons, for him, her, or them, or which may be in any Way or Manner, under his, her, or their Controul, or within his, her, or their Knowledge: And that if the Person or Persons complained of, in Manner aforesaid, upon being duly served with the Subpoena, to be issued as aforesaid, in such Manner as the laid Court shall direct, shall neglect to appear agreeably thereto, and submit to an Examination, under Oath, before the said Court, relative to the Subject-Matter of such Application; or if upon his, her, or their appearing and submitting to such Examination, it shall appear by the Party's Oath, or other Evidence to the Satisfaction of the said Court, that he, she, or they have in his, her, or their Possession, or in the Possession of any other Person or Persons, for him, her, or them, or in any Way or Manner under his, her, or their Controul, any such Books or Papers, and shall refuse to produce the same, to be delivered to such Person, to be inspected and used in such Manner, by the Parties interested therein, as the said Court shall direct, if the Case or Cases in which such Application shall be made, shall be pending in the said Court, shall and may render Judgment of Nonsuit against the Person refusing, if a Plaintiff in said Action, or of Default if he be a Defendant therein; or shall and may, at their Discretion, when the Case or Cases shall be pending in any other Court, order the Person or Persons so refusing, to be committed to some One of the Gaols in this State, there

to be confined until he, she, or they shall comply with such Order of the said Court, or shall be thence duly discharged according to Law.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if such Books or Papers shall, on Motion of either Party, be suggested to be in the Hands or Possession of any other Person or Persons, not Parties to the Suit as aforesaid, the same Process shall be had against him, her, or them, by the said Court, for the Recovery thereof, who shall be examined under Oath, in like Manner, and if such Person or Persons, refuse to answer upon Oath, or if it be proved by other Evidence to the Court, that such Books or Papers are in his, her, or their Possession, he, she or they, shall be committed to the common Gaol in the County where such Court shall be sitting, there to remain until discharged by Order of the said Court, if it be in Term-Time, or if in Vacation by any Justice thereof, giving his Order for such Discharge in Writing. And such Person, or Persons shall also be liable to an Action at common Law, for retaining such Books or Papers, in the same Manner as though not committed as aforesaid.

41 D. 50 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Forty-one Dollars and Fifty Cents allowed be allowed and paid to *Nicholas Gardner, jun. Esq.* late Sheriff of N. Gardner, the County of Washington out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Sum reported by a Committee of the House of Representatives to be due upon his Account for the Delivery of Schedules, transmitting Commissions, Proclamations, &c. and for carrying a Set of Implements for counterfeiting Money to the General-Treasurer.*

An ACT incorporating sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the Towns of West-Greenwich and Coventry, in the County of Kent, by the Name of *The West-Greenwich and Coventry Light-Infantry.*

Charter to the West-Greenwich and Coventry Light-Infantry.

FORASMUCH as sundry Inhabitants of the Towns of West-Greenwich and Coventry, in the County of Kent, to wit: *Thomas Phillips, David Matteson, Joseph Greene, Caleb Bailey, James Greene, Hosea Johnson, Charles Greene, Henry Greene, Allen Johnston, Elisha Johnson, Nathaniel Greene, Philip Greene, Russell Greene, Peleg Weaver, Elisha Hopkins, Jeremiah Hopkins, jun. Silas Bailey, jun. Joseph Morse, Ichabod Scott, Latham Cornell, Benjamin Brayton, jun. James Young, Joseph Sweet, Job Greene, Seth Brown, Henry Spink, Uriah Stafford, Anthony Edmonds, Ezra Ramsdell, Nathan Colvin, Thomas Hathaway, Joseph Johnson, Jeremiah Hathaway, Elisha*

Elisha Arnold, Christopher Johnson, Samuel Franklin, Henry Rouse, Dutee Gorton, Sylvester Kettle, Josab Phillips, Charles Andrew, Joseph Weaver, Nathan Weaver, John Greene, Nathan Greene, Lebod Wickes, Abel Wickes, Ezekiel Johnson, Caleb Austin, and William Boss, have petitioned this Assembly for a Charter for incorporating them, and such others as may be joined to them hereafter, by Inlistment, not exceeding Sixty-four Men, Rank and File, into an independent Company, by the Name of The West Greenwich and Coventry Light-Infantry:—Wherefore this Assembly to encourage their laudable Design to promote military Skill and Discipline in this State,

HAVE ordained, constituted and granted, and do hereby ordain, constitute and grant, That the said Petitioners, and such others as shall be added to them, not exceeding Sixty-four Men, Rank and File, be, and they are hereby declared to be, an independent Company, by the Name of *The West Greenwich and Coventry Light-Infantry*; and by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have all the Rights, Powers and Privileges in this Grant hereafter mentioned.

Imprimis. It is granted unto the said Company, that they, or the greater Number of them, shall and may, once in every Year, *to wit*: On the Second Monday in April, in West-Greenwich or Coventry, meet and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place, by them to be appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit*: One Captain, Two Lieutenants, One Ensign, and all other Officers requisite for training, disciplining, and well ordering the said Company; at which Meeting no Officer shall be chosen but by the greater Number of Voters then present; the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensign to be approved of by the Governor and Council for the Time being, and to be commissioned and engaged in the same Manner as other military Officers are in this State.

Secondly. THAT the said Company shall have Liberty to meet and exercise themselves upon such Days as they shall think proper, and shall be subject to the Orders and Directions of the Colonel and other Field Officers of the Regiment in whose District they live; and that they be obliged to meet at least Four Times in a Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of the said Company, the following Fines, *to wit*: The Captain, for every Day's Absence, *Four Dollars*; the Lieutenants and Ensign, *Three Dollars* each; the Clerk and other non-commissioned Officers, *Two Dollars and Fifty Cents* each; and each private Soldier, *Two Dollars*; to be collected by Warrant of Distress, to be directed to the Clerk from the Captain, or other superior Officer for the Time being.

Thirdly. THAT the said Company, or the greater Number of them, make such Laws, Rules and Orders among themselves as they shall deem expedient for the well ordering and disciplining the said Company: Provided the same are not repugnant to the

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Laws of this State: And provided also, that no Fines shall exceed, *Six Dollars* for any One Offence, to be levied and collected in Manner above mentioned.

Fourthly. THAT the said Company in their Exercises and Trainings, shall be subject to the Orders and Directions of the Field Officers of the Regiment of Militia, in whose District they are included.

Fifthly. THAT the Persons aforesaid, and all those who shall be duly enlisted into the said Company, from the said Towns of *West-Greenwich* and *Coventry*, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempt from bearing Arms, or doing other military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies or trained Bands, in whose District they respectively live.

Sixthly. THAT if any Officer or Officers shall be disapproved of by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said Towns of *West-Greenwich* and *Coventry*, or shall be removed by Death, then, and in such Case, the Captain, or commanding Officer of the said Company, for the Time being, shall call a Meeting for the Election of another, or others in Manner as aforesaid.

Seventhly. THERE shall not be a greater Number of Men inlisted out of any Company or trained Band in the said Towns of *West-Greenwich* and *Coventry*, into said Light-Infantry Company, than One Eighth Part of the Number of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates belonging to said Company or trained Band.

IT is Voted and Resolved, at the Request of the said Petitioners, That *Thomas Phillis* be appointed Captain, *Caleb Baily*, First Lieutenant, *Christopher Matteon*, Second Lieutenant, and *John Remington*, Ensign of the said Company.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to make a fair Copy of this Charter, affix the Seal of the State thereunto, and transmit the same to the Captain of the said Company.

Officer appointed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *James Sweet, jun.* be, and he is hereby appointed Ensign of the First Company of Infantry in the Town of *East-Greenwich*, in the Room of *Benjamin Gardner*, who hath declined.

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ner.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Dollars, Forty-three Cents* and an *Half* be allowed and paid to his Excellency *Artbur Fenn*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of an Account charged against him, by Messrs. *Carter* and *Wilkinson*, for the Postage of public Letters.

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An ACT in Addition to an ACT entitled "An ACT for the Regulation of Fences throughout this Colony, and declaring how the same shall be maintained."

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority whereof it is hereby Enacted, That in all Cases where Partition-Fences are erected as the Half Part of the dividing Line between Proprietors or Possessors of adjoining Lands, or when the same may be hereafter erected, by the Agreement of the Parties in Interest, or other legal Means, the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Fences in either of the said Cases erected, his or their Heirs and Assigns, shall hold and improve the same without Molestation; and shall forever be excused from making other half Fence, on such dividing Line, in all Cases whatever: except by the special Agreement of such Parties to the contrary: And that all Agreements which shall be made hereafter, relating to such Partition Fences, be registered in the Town-Clerk's Office, of the Town where such Lands lie.

ACT in Addition to the ACT regulating Fences.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where the Whole or more than One Half of the Fence is already made by the Proprietor or Proprietors on One Side of the Line, the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Land adjoining shall pay to the Proprietor or Proprietors who made such Fence where he improves the said adjoining Lands, the Value of so much of the Fence erected as aforesaid, as the same may exceed One Half of the Fence on the Whole Line; such Value to be appraised by the Fence-Viewers of the Town where such Land is situate, on Application to them for that Purpose; which Fence-Viewers, upon such Application shall forthwith cite the Parties in Interest, on such dividing Line, at a convenient Time and Place, view the Fence, ascertain the Value of the whole of the said Fence, and award the Half of such Sum against the Proprietor or Proprietors refusing to pay for such Fence, with Costs, and divide the whole Fence between such Parties, and make their Report into the Town Clerk's Office: Which Division shall be permanent as aforesaid.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Person or Persons, against whom Report shall be made by the Fence-Viewers as aforesaid, shall refuse to pay the same, the said Sums, with Costs, shall be recovered against such Person or Persons, by Action of Debt, before any Court proper to try the same.

WHEREAS Ray Greene, and Jonathan Niles, Esquires, pursuant to a Resolve of this Assembly, passed at the last Session, procured a long Voyage for Cary Parker, and equipped him for the same, and exhibited to this Assembly an Account of the Expence thereof:

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account, amounting to One Hundred Dollars and Twenty-one Cents be allowed and paid to the said *Ray Greene* and *Jonathan Niles*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

Powder al- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Major-General *Simeon Martin* lowed to the be, and he is hereby empowered to procure Two Quarter-Casks of independent Companies Powder, for the Use of the Two independent Companies in the in *Newport*. Town of *Newport*, to be expended by them at his Discretion ; and that he lay an Account of the Expence thereof before this Assembly at the next Session.

200 D. al- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.* be, lowed for re- and he is hereby, empowered to draw the Sum of *Two Hundred Dollars* out of the General-Treasury (for which he is to be accountable to the State) and to expend the same in repairing *Pawtucket-Bridge* ; upon Condition that a sufficient additional Sum be furnished by the Town of *North-Providence*, or by other Means, to complete the repairing of the said Bridge ; upon Failure whereof, the said Sum of *Two Hundred Dollars* shall be repaid into the General-Treasury.

300 D. al- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Hundred Dollars* be paid lowed for the out of the General-Treasury, to *John Smith*, and *William Allen*, the State. Esquires, the Committee to procure a Gallery to be built in the House in State-House, in *Providence*, to be appropriated to that Use ; and that they Account for the same.

An ACT allowing Interest upon Judgments of Court in certain Cases.

Interest al- **B**E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority lowed on certain Judgments. thereof, it is hereby Enacted, That upon all Judgments of Court which shall hereafter be obtained for Debt or Damages, to the Amount of *One Hundred Dollars* or upwards, on which Executions shall be issued, and the Defendant or Defendants shall be committed to Gaol, Interest on such Debt or Damages, at the Rate of Six per Cent. per Annum, shall be computed, levied and received, from the Return-Day of such Executions, to the Time when such Judgments shall be satisfied and discharged.

22 D. al- *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-two Dollars* be allowed lowed H. Ward. and paid to *Henry Ward, Esq.* out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for attending, as Secretary, upon this Assembly at the present Session.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-six Dollars, and Thirty-five Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. William Marchant, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for attending at the last and present Session, as Clerk of the House of Representatives, and for providing Paper, Quills, &c.

36 D. 35 C.
allowed W.
Marchant.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty-six Dollars and Seventy-nine Cents be allowed and paid to Jonathan Niles, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Kent, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, to the present Time, for the Board of Cary Parker, a poor Prisoner committed at the Suit of the State, for transmitting the Schedules to the proper Officers, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, and for Wood and other Necessaries provided for the State-House in the said County.

36 D. 79 C.
allowed
J. Niles.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars and Thirty-nine Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Jonathan Potter, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for repairing the Windows in the State-House in the County of Kent, and for putting a new Window into the Gaol in the said County.

6 D. 39 C.
allowed
J. Potter.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of the Directors of Foster Meeting-House Lottery, setting forth that there have been Errors in the Drawing of the said Lottery, and praying that they may be authorized to draw the same again, be referred to the next Session; that in the mean Time all Persons interested in the said Lottery be notified hereof by an Advertisement, to be inserted Three Weeks successively, in the *Newport Mercury*, and in One of the *Providence* Newspapers; and that all Proceedings against the aforesaid Directors be stayed until the said Petition shall be heard and determined.*

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Fifty-three Cents be allowed and paid to Henry Bowen, Town-Sergeant of Providence, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Compensation of his Account, to the present Time, for the Attendance of himself and an Assistant upon the General Assembly and Courts in the County of Providence, for providing Candles, Sand, &c.

116 D. 53 C.
allowed H.
Bowen.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Term of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol Delivery, which would, by Law, be held on the Second Monday in March, A. D. 1797, at Bristol, within and for the County of Bristol, be postponed to the Third Monday in April next, then to convene in the said County:

That

Bristol Super-
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adjourned.

That all Business is brought to, or depending at, the said stated Term, of the said Court be acted upon and determined at the said postponed Term: That all Jurors drawn for the said stated Term, shall appear at the said postponed Term for the Business of the said County.

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ed H. Niles.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Henry Niles, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

*10 D. allow-
ed J Pearce.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. James Pearce, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

*Payment of Tax postpo-
ned.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for paying into the General-Treasury the State-Tax, assed at the Session held in June, A. D. 1796, be extended, for the Benefit of the delinquent Towns, to the First Wednesday in May next: And that, in Case the same be not then paid, together with the Interest, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to issue Executions against the Town-Treasurers of the delinquent Towns according to Law.*

*Report of
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tween Smith-
field, John-
ston, and N.
Providence.*

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit:*

*To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-
Island, &c.*

WE the Subscribers, being appointed by the Honourable the General Assembly, at the Session held in October, A. D. 1794, a Committee to run and ascertain the Lines which divide the Town of Smithfield from the Towns of Johnston and North-Providence, do report, that on the 16th Day of February, A. D. 1795, attended by Caleb Jenckes, Esq. Surveyor, we met and proceeded upon the said Business, and, on due Enquiry and Investigation, found that a direct Line drawn from a Monument of Stones (a noted Boundary where the Towns of Smithfield, Scituate, Glocester and Johnston meet) to a White-Oak Stump with Stones about it, standing on the Westerly Bank of Pawtucket-River, about Half a Mile above the Falls, would be the Line we were appointed to run and ascertain: That after traversing and making an accurate Survey and Measurement found the Course to be East, Three Degrees and nearly Three Quarters North, from the Westerly to the Easterly Monument, and the Distance on a straight Line between the said Monuments to be Ten Miles; the Town of Johnston, measuring on the said Line Four Miles and Twenty-eight Rods, and the Town of North-Providence, Five Miles and Two Hundred and Ninety-two Rods: And that we erected Monuments at every Half Mile on the said Line; at every public Road; and at every River.

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THE following are the Distances of the several Roads and Rivers which we think proper to note, *to wit*:

FROM the Monument at *Pawtucket-River* to the First Road, leading Southerly to *Pawtucket*, 86 Rods; to the Second Road, being the great *Smithfield* Road to *Providence*, 1 Mile; to the middle of *Moshocbuck-River*, 1 Mile 68 Rods; to the Third Road, by *Nebemiah Sheldon's* to *Providence*, 1 Mile, 305 Rods, 6 Links; to the Fourth Road, by *Joseph Whipple's* to *Providence*, 2 Miles, 309 Rods, 4 Links; to the Fifth Road, by *Christopher Brown's* to *Providence*, 3 Miles, 169 Rods; to *Wenscut-Meadow Pond* on *West-River*, Westerly Side of the said Pond, 4 Miles, 160 Rods; to the Sixth Road, by *Wenscut Meeting-House*, 4 Miles, 286 Rods; to the Middle of *Wanaquatucket-River*, being the dividing Line between *Johnston* and *North-Providence*, 5 Miles, 292 Rods; to the Seventh Road, by *William and Daniel Angell's* to *Providence*, 6 Miles, 36 Rods; to the Eighth Road, by *John Carpenter's* to *Providence*, 7 Miles 250 Rods; to the Ninth Road, by *David Angell's* to *Providence*, being the great *Killingly Road*, 8 Miles, 98 Rods, 4 Links; to the Tenth Road, from *Smithfield* to *Scituate*, by *Meswencutt-Pond*, 9 Miles, 306 Rods. The Monuments on the Roads are made in the Easterly Side of each. We have numbered the Monuments, at the End of every Half Mile, from 1 to 19, inclusive, beginning at the First Half Mile from the said Eastern Monument at *Pawtucket-River*. The Monuments at the several Roads and Rivers are marked, on the North Side, with the Letter S. and on the South Side, as far as *North-Providence* extends, N. P. and as far as *Johnston* extends, with the Letter J. For the Preservation of the said Monument at *Pawtucket-River*, it being a Stump, subject soon to Decay, and on the Bank of the River liable to be altered by Floods, we have set a Stone in the Ground on the West Side of the said Stump, and also another on the First Hill, a few Rods further West. Each Monument erected, and made as aforesaid, is a Stone set in the Ground. All which is submitted by

ELISHA OLNEY,
NOAH MATHEWSON, } Com.
STEPHEN JENCKES, jun. }

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the aforesaid Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

WHEREAS there are divers Petitions pending before this Assembly, which stand continued, either by the Agreement of Parties, or by Acts of this Assembly, to the next Session:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That all Executions and other Proceedings upon the Demands of the Respondents, for the staying whereof the Petitioners pray this Assembly, be, and they are hereby stayed until the next Session of this Assembly.

FEBRUARY, 1797.

Adjourn-
ment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish and transmit to the several Towns, in the usual Manner, the Acts and Orders now made and passed: And that this Assembly stand adjourned to the *Tuesday* next preceding the First *Wednesday* in *May* next, if then called by his Excellency the Governor; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and is hereby dissolved.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND):
PRINTED BY NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

MAY, 1797.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Twenty-first Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Efq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Efq.*

NOAH MATHEWSON, *Efq.*

JOHN COOKE, *Efq.*

JAMES CONGDON, *Efq.*

THOMAS HOXSIE, *Efq.*

PELEG CLARKE, *Efq.*

JOB WATSON, *Efq.*

JOHN HARRIS, *Efq.*

} ASSISTANTS.

THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

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DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Champlin, *Esq.*
 Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
 Mr. John L. Bots,
 Archibald Crary, *Esq.*
 William Tew, *Esq.*
 Mr. Robert Lawton, *jun.*

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
 John Smith, *Esq.*
 Mr. Thomas P. Ives,
 James Burrill, *jun.* *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH :

Abraham Anthony, *jun.* *Esq.*
 Mr. Richard Shearman,
 Mr. Thomas Potter,
 Benjamin Brownell, *Esq.*

WARWICK :

Anthony Holden, *Esq.*
 Thomas Holden, *Esq.*
 Mr. Job Greene,
 James Rhodes, *jun.* *Esq.*

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, *Esq.*
 Rowse Babcock, *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

George Thomas, *Esq.*
 Mr. Beriah Waite.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowland Brown, *Esq.*
 Mr. Thomas C. Hazard.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. George Tillinghaſt,
 Richard Mathewſon, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Howland,
 Mr. Daniel Weeden.

SMITHFIELD :

Job Aldrich, *Esq.*
 Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, *Esq.*
 Job Randall, *Esq.*

GLOCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, *Esq.*
 Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq.*
 Mr. Edward Wilcox.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Ishmael Nichols,
 Mr. William Mathewſon.

COVENTRY :

Joseph Rice, *Esq.*
 Mr. Thomas Waterman.

EXETER :

Mr. James Clarke,
 Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. William Peckham,
 Mr. Benjamin Gardner.

BRISTOL :

Stephen Smith, *Esq.*
 Mr. James D'Wolfe.

TIVERTON :

Christopher Manchester, *Esq.*
 Joseph Durfee, *Esq.*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

John Davis, *Esq.*
 Mr. Isaac Bailey.

WARREN :

Ichabod Cole, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. David Sayles,
 Mr. John Walcott.

RICHMOND :

Thomas James, *Esq.*
 James Sheldon, *Esq.*

CRANSTON :

John R. Arnold, *Esq.*
 John Mawney, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

George Thurston, *Esq.*
 Mr. James Wells, *jun.*

JOHNSTON :

Edward Manton, *Esq.*
 Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, *Esq.*
 Stephen Jenckes, *jun.* *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, *Esq.*
 FOSTER :

Daniel Howard, *Esq.*
 Mr. Jonathan Hopkins.

The Honorable GEORGE CHAMPLIN, *Esq.* was chosen Speaker, and Mr. WILLIAM MARCHANT, Clerk, of the House of Representatives.

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THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil and military, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to them respectively, *to wit* :

Officers
elected.

His Excellency **ARTHUR FENNER**, Esq. Governor. Engaged.
 The Hon. **SAMUEL J. POTTER**, Esq. Deputy-Governor. Engaged.
Thomas G. Hazard, Esq. First Assistant. Engaged.
Noah Matewson, Esq. Second Assistant. Engaged.
Jonathan Comstock, Esq. Third Assistant.
John Smith (of *Glocester*) Esq. Fourth Assistant. Engaged.
John Cooke, Esq. Fifth Assistant. Engaged.
James Cogdon, Esq. Sixth Assistant. Engaged.
Thomas Hoxsie, Esq. Seventh Assistant. Engaged.
Peleg Clarke, Esq. Eighth Assistant. Engaged.
Job Watson, Esq. Ninth Assistant. Engaged.
John Harris, Esq. Tenth Assistant. Engaged.
Henry Ward, Esq. Secretary. Engaged.
Ray Greene, Esq. Attorney-General. Engaged.
Henry Sherburne, Esq. General-Treasurer. Engaged.
Peleg Arnold, Esq. Chief, } Justice of the Superior Court
George Brown, Esq: Second, } of Judicature, Court of Assize,
Walter Cooke, Esq. Third, } and General Gaol-Delivery,
Joshua Bicknall, Esq. Fourth, } within and throughout the
Thomas Tillinghast, Esq. Fifth, } State.

Constant Taber, Esq. Chief, } Justice of the Court of Com-
Oliver Durfee, Esq. Second, } mon Pleas, and General
Perez Richmond, Esq. Third, } Sessions of the Peace, with-
William Anthony, Esq. Fourth, } in and for the County of
Nicholas Carr, Esq. Fifth, } *Newport*.

Caleb Harris, Esq. Chief, } Justice of the Court of Com-
John Burton, Esq. Second, } mon Pleas, and General
John Dorrance, Esq. Third, } Sessions of the Peace, with-
Arnold Paine, Esq. Fourth, } in and for the County of
William Tyler (of *Foster*) Esq. } *Providence*.
Fifth, }

Samuel Allen, Esq. Chief, } Justice of the Court of Com-
William Barton, Esq. Second, } mon Pleas, and General
Josiah Finney, Esq. Third, } Sessions of the Peace, with-
Joseph Reynolds, Esq: Fourth, } in and for the County of
Daniel Cole, Esq. Fifth, } *Bristol*.

Stephen Arnold, Esq. Chief, } Justice of the Court of Com-
Thomas Rice, 2d. Esq. Second, } mon Pleas, and General
Isaac Johnson, Esq. Third, } Sessions of the Peace, with-
Benjamin Johnson, Esq. Fourth, } in and for the County of
Stephen Greene (of *East-Green-* } *Kent*.
wich) Esq. Fifth, }

Christopher

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Christopher Ellery, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Newport.

Paul Allen, jun. Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Providence.

James Sheldon, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Washington.

Jonathan Russell, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Bristol.

Andrew Boyd, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of Kent.

Thomas Peckham, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Newport.

James Fenner, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Providence.

Samuel E. Gardner, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Washington.

Richard Smith, jun. Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Bristol.

Hopkins Cooke, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Kent.

Edward Thurston, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Newport.

Nehemiah Knight, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Providence.

Walter White, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Washington,

Richard Smith, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Bristol.

Jonathan Niles, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Kent.

Christopher Ellery, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Newport.

Samuel Chase, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Providence.

George Thomas, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Washington.

Richard Smith, jun. Esq. Public Notary for the County of Bristol.

Hopkins

Hopkins Cooke, Esq. Public Notary for the County of Kent.

*Samuel Brown, Esq. Public Notary for the Towns of Westerly,
Charlestown, and Hopkinton.*

William T. Miller, Esq. Public Notary for the Town of Warren.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for the several TOWNS.

Portsmouth:

Henry Lawton,
Gideon Dennis,
Thomas Hicks,

Esquires.

Warwick:

James Jerauld,
Joseph Arnold,
Peter Greene,
James Rhodes, *jun.*
George Greene,
Edward Anthony,
Thomas Lippitt,
Charles Tibbitts,

Esquires.

Smithfield:

John Sayles,
Benjamin Sheldon,
Edward Medbury,
Elisha Olney,
Dutee Winsor,
Benoni Paine,
Ezekiel Comstock,

Esquires.

Glocester:

Zebedee Hopkins,
Timothy Wilmarth,
Nathaniel Wade,
Samuel Winsor,
Richard Steere, *jun.*
William Arnold,
Israel Cooke,
Daniel Tourtellot,
Jesse Armstrong,
Simeon Steere,
Daniel Smith,

Esquires.

West Greenwich:

The Justices are all continu-ed to June Session, excepting

Benjamin Nichols and
Nathaniel Pullman,
who are left out.

Coventry:

William Stone,
Joseph Manchester,
Benjamin Greene,
Joseph Wickes, *jun.*
Job Mathewson,
Silas Westcot,
John Colegrove,
Nathan Bowen,

Esquires.

Exeter:

Stephen Reynolds,
Christopher Pierce,
Jonathan Lillibridge,
Stephen Champlin,
Jeffery Hazard,
Lillibridge Barber,
Robert Crandall,
Matthew Clarke,

Esquires.

Warren:

William T. Miller,
Benjamin Barton,
Edward Chace,

Esquires.

Cumberland:

The Justices are all continu-ed excepting
Levi Ballou,
who is left out.

Barrington:

Solomon Townlend, *jun.*
James Martin,
Asa Bicknell,
Josiah Humphry, *jun.*

Esquires.

MILITARY

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MILITARY OFFICERS.

Simeon Martin, Esq. Major-General of the Militia of the State.

Thomas Allen, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

William Barton, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Providence*.

George Thurston, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Allen Johnson, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Kent*.

William Tew, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Stephen Abbot, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Benjamin Tyler, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Thomas Westcott, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Benjamin Howland, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Daniel Arnold, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Silas Bailey, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Knight, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Elijah R. Gardner, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Elijah Armstrong, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Nehemiah Angell, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fifth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Peter Briggs, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Loring Peck, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

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William Taylor, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Washington.

Isaac Johnson, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Kent.

Daniel Sheldon, Esq. First } Major of the First Regiment of Benjamin Brownell, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Newport.

Jabez Gorham, Esq. First } Major of the First Regiment of Jeremiah Whiting, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.

Joseph Noyes, jun. Esq. First Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Moses Arnold, Esq. First } Major of the First Regiment of Micah Whitmarsh, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Kent.

John Baley, Esq. First } Major of the Second Regiment of Thomas Durfee, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Newport.

Nathan Dexter, Esq. First } Major of the Second Regiment of William Ballou, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.

Josiah Gibbs, jun. Esq. First } Major of the Second Regiment of Solomon Matewson, jun. Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Newport.

Thomas Relph, Esq. First } Major of the Third Regiment of Gideon Harris, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.

George James, Esq. First } Major of the Third Regiment of Gideon J. Babcock, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Washington.

Thomas Mitchell, Esq. First } Major of the Fourth Regiment of Benedict Burlingame, jun. Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.

Hugh Cole, Esq. First } Major of the Fifth Regiment of Thomas Parker, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.

John Westcott, Esq. First } Major of the Sixth Regiment of Joseph Alverson, Esq. Second } Militia in the County of Providence.

Alexander Thomas, Esq. First } Major of the Senior Class Regiment Samuel Sanford, Esq. Second } in the Counties of Newport and Bristol.

Edward Wilcox, Esq. First } Major of the Senior Class Regiment in Stukely Hill, Esq. Second } the County of Washington.

Joseph Arnold, Esq. First } Major of the Senior Class Regiment Stukely Hudson, Esq. Second } in the County of Kent.

Isaac Senter, M. D. Director and Purveyor-General of the Military Hospital of the State.

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The same *Isaac Senter*, Surgeon and Physician-General of the Military Hospital of the State.

John Mathewson, Esq. Quarter-Master General of the Militia of the State.

Charles Lippitt, Esq. Commissary-General of the Militia of the State.

Robert Rogers, Esq. Adjutant-General of the Militia of the State.

Ebenezer Burrill, Esq. Inspector of the Brigade of Militia in the Counties of *Newport* and *Bristol*.

George Tillinghast, Esq. Inspector of the Brigade of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Cyrus French, Esq. Inspector of the Brigade of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Charles Brayton, Esq. Inspector of the Brigade of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

OFFICERS to command the several COMPANIES of MILITIA.

First Regiment in the County of *Newport*: Daniel Dunham, Ensign.

Senior Class Company in *Newport* and *Jamestown*: Senior Class Company in *Portsmouth* and *Middletown*:

Robert Dunham, Captain,
John Tew, Lieutenant,
Michael Moulton, Ensign.

William Lawton, Captain,
Walter Cornell, Lieutenant,
John Peabody, Ensign.

Newport:

First Company,
William Allen, Captain,
Samuel Carr, Lieutenant,
Samuel Watson, Ensign.

Portsmouth:

First Company,
George Brownell, Captain,
George Cooke, Lieutenant,
Noah Gray, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joseph Lyon, Captain,
James Anthony, Lieutenant,
Joshua Hiscox, Ensign.

Second Company,
Peleg Almy, Captain,
Thomas Potter, jun Lieutenant.
Stephen Cornell, Ensign.

Third Company,
Charles Davenport, Captain,
Thomas Tilley, Lieutenant,
Azariah Albro, Ensign.

New-Scorham Company,
Edward Sands, Captain,
John Pain, Lieutenant,
John Gorton, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Joseph Boss, Captain,
Peleg Cranston, Lieutenant,

Jamestown Company,
Thomas Carr, Captain,
John

John Carr, Lieutenant,
Edward Hull, Ensign.

First Regiment in the County of
Providence:

Providence:

Senior Class Company,
John Whipple, Captain,
Stephen Randall, Lieutenant,
Payton Dana, Ensign.

First Company,

Parker Clarke, Captain,
Joshua Rathbun, Lieutenant,
Jesse Whitmore, Ensign.

Second Company,

Benjamin Howland, Captain,
Haile Gladding, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Hoppin, jun. Ensign.

Third Company,

Abel Allen, Captain,
Thomas Sessions, Lieutenant,
Stephen Smith, Ensign.

Fourth Company,

Daniel Proud, jun. Captain,
Joseph Snow, jun. Lieutenant,
Edward Luther, Ensign.

Fifth Company,

Samuel Kempton, Captain,
George Sinkins, Lieutenant,
Joseph Carlile, Ensign.

North-Providence:

Senior Class Company,
Benjamin Jenckes, Captain,
Richard Whipple, Lieutenant,
Nathaniel Walker, Ensign.

First Company,

Emor Whipple, Captain,
Daniel Smith, Lieutenant,
Stephen Williams, Ensign.

Second Company,

James Mason, Captain,
Jesse Salsbury, Lieutenant,
Arnold Jenckes, Ensign.

First Regiment in the County of
Washington:

Westerly:

Senior Class Company,
Henry Wells, Captain,

James Ross, Lieutenant,
Jonathan Sisson, Ensign.

First Company,

John Barber, Captain,
John Fowler, Lieutenant,
Peleg Shaw, Ensign.

Second Company,

Arnold Bliven, Captain,
George Wells, Lieutenant,
Joshua Noyes, Ensign.

Third Company,

Nathan Potter, Captain,
Samuel Taylor, Lieutenant,
Nathan Stillman, Ensign.

Fourth Company,

Ichabod Clarke, Captain,
Arnold Saunders, Lieutenant,
Joel Crandall, Ensign.

Charlestown:

Second Company,
Afa Church, Captain,
Browning Greene, Lieutenant,
Jeffery Hazard, Ensign.

Hopkinton:

Senior Class Company,
Nathan Barber, Captain,
Gardner Thurston, Lieutenant,
George Maxson, Ensign.

Regiment in the County of *Bristol*:

Senior Class Company,
Benjamin Bosworth, Captain,
John Short, Lieutenant,
Randall Cole, Ensign.

First Regiment in the County of
Kent:

Senior Class Company in *Warwick* and *East-Greenwich*:

Job Greene, Captain,
Othniel Wightman, Lieutenant,
George Greene, Ensign.

Warwick:

First Company,
Bennett Low, Captain,
Thomas

Thomas Stafford, Lieutenant,
Remington Arnold, Ensign.

Second Company,
Charles Brayton, Captain,
Jonathan Tiffany, Lieutenant,
James Babson, Ensign.

Third Company,
Pardon Potter, Captain,
Benjamin Greene, Lieutenant,
Dutee Arnold, Ensign.

East-Greenwich :

First Company,
Browning Nichols, Captain,
Daniel Taylor, Lieutenant,
James Sweet, jun. Ensign.

Second Company,
William Gardner, Captain,
John Place, Lieutenant,
Russell Johnson, Ensign.

Second Regiment in the County
of *Newport* :

Tiverton :

Senior Class Company,
Isaac Cooke, Captain,
Pearce Perry, Lieutenant,
Philip Manchester, Ensign.

First Company,
Abraham Manchester, Captain,
Benjamin Cooke, Lieutenant,
Holder Almy, Ensign.

Third Company,
William Durfee, Captain,
Nathaniel Briggs, jun. Lieut.
Joseph Cooke, Ensign.

Little Compton :

Senior Class Company,
William Southworth, Captain,
Benjamin Coe, Lieutenant,
Andrew Taylor, Ensign.

First Company,
Thomas Briggs, Captain,
Caleb Church, Lieutenant,
Owen Greenell, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joseph Pearce, Captain,
Jonathan Hilliard, Lieutenant,

Joseph Brown, Ensign.

Second Regiment in the County
of *Providence* :

Smithfield :

Senior Class Company,
Job Mowry, Captain,
George Streeter, Lieutenant,
Richard Sayles, Ensign.

First Company,
Jeremiah Whipple, Captain,
Thomas Angell, Lieutenant,
William Gray, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joseph Wilkinson, jun. Captain,
Cyrus Arnold, Lieutenant,
Asa Arnold, Ensign.

Third Company,
Obed Seaver, Captain,
James Appleby (the 3d) Lieut.
Benjamin Mathewson, Ensign.

Cumberland :

Senior Class Company,
Joseph Follett, Captain,
Noah Ballou, jun. Lieutenant.
Ebenezer Carpenter, Ensign.

First Company,
William Whipple, Captain,
Jonathan Ray, Lieutenant,
Joseph Whipple (Son of Moses)
Ensign.

Second Company,
Ariel Ballou, Captain,
Joseph Jenckes, Lieutenant,
Pelatiah Ballou, Ensign.

Third Company,
Eleazer Whipple, Captain,
Esek Cooke, Lieutenant,
Nathan Whipple, Ensign.

Second Regiment in the County
of *Washington* :

North-Kingstown :

Senior Class Company,
William T. Congdon, Captain,
George Thomas, jun. Lieutenant.
Joshua Brown, Ensign.

Exeter :

Exeter:

Senior Class Company,
Ebenezer Wilcox, Captain,
Jeffery Hazard, Lieutenant,
Leonard Ensworth, Ensign.

*Second Regiment in the County of Kent:**West-Greenwich:*

Senior Class Company,
John Tillinghaſt, Captain,
William H. Davis, Lieutenant,
Thomas Mathewſon, Ensign.

First Company,
Rhodes Wightman, Captain,
Joseph Mathewſon, Lieutenant,
Amos Hopkіns, Ensign.

Second Company,
Augustus Ellis, Captain,
Samuel Gardner, Lieutenant,
Oliver Moon, Ensign.

Third Company,
Gardner T. Kinyon, Captain,
Job Tillinghaſt, Lieutenant,
William Tanner, Ensign.

Coventry:

Senior Class Company,
Job Mathewſon, Captain,
Silas Westcot, Lieutenant,
Joseph Wickes, jun. Ensign.

First Company,
Peleg Arnold, Captain,
John Remington, Lieutenant,
Ezra Ramsdale Ensign.

Second, Company,
Samuel Milward, Captain,
Asaph Bowen, Lieutenant,
Nicholas Whitford, Ensign.

Third Company,
Benedict Johnson, Captain,
Reuben Whitman, Lieutenant,
Stephen Mathewſon, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Johnson Jordan, Captain,
Samuel Peck, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Clarke, Ensign.

*Third Regiment in the County of Providence:**Scituate:*

Senior Class Company,
Caleb Fisk, Captain,
Eliezer Collins, Lieutenant,
Gideon Austin, jun. Ensign.

First Company,
Benoni Colvin, Captain,
Ezra Knight, Lieutenant,
David Relph, Ensign.

Third Company,
Gideon Angell, Captain,
James Whipple, Lieutenant,
Angell Austin, Ensign,

Fourth Company,
Ezekiel Bishop, Captain,
Daniel Walker, Lieutenant,
Nathan Hopkіns, Ensign.

*Third Regiment in the County of Washington:**South-Kingſtown:*

Senior Class Company,
Samuel Stanton, Captain,
Daniel Tefft, Lieutenant,
Isaac Sheldon, Ensign.

Second Company,
Levi Totten, Captain,
Silas Clarke, Lieutenant,
Robert Brown, Ensign.

Third Company,
Enoch Steadman, Captain,
William Knowles, Lieutenant,
John Knowles, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Richard Gardner, jun. Captain,
Nathaniel H. Gardner, Lieut.
Lodowick Coon, Ensign.

Richmond:

Senior Class Company,
Benjamin Hoxsie, Captain,
James Potter, Lieutenant,
Gardner Phillips, Ensign.

First Company,
Silas Kinyon, Captain,
John

John Lillibridge, Lieutenant,
George Kinyon, Ensign.
Second Company,
Rowse Clarke, Captain,
Benjamin Wilbur, Lieutenant,
Ezekiel Johnson, Ensign.

Fourth Regiment in the County
of *Providence* :

Glocester :

Senior Class Company,
Nathan Cooper, Captain,
Esek Brown, jun. Lieutenant,
Isaac Wade, Ensign.

First Company,
William Hawkins, jun. Captain,
Samuel Steere, jun. Lieutenant,
John Williams, Ensign.

Second Company,
Afa Ballou, Captain,
William Lapham, Lieutenant,
Jireh Ballou, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Ezekiel Emerson, Captain,
Caleb Logee, Lieutenant,
Christopher Sayles, Ensign.

Fifth Company,
Ezekiel Kelley, Captain,
James Reynolds, Lieutenant,
Jonathan Thornton, Ensign.

Sixth Company,
Esek Brown, Captain,
James Place, Lieutenant,
John Greene, Ensign.

Fifth Regiment in the County
of *Providence* :

Foster :

First Company,
George Baker, jun. Captain,
Southworth Griffith, Lieutenant.
Stephen Bennett, Ensign.

Second Company,
Simeon Seamans, Captain,

Stephen Davis, Lieutenant,
William Davis, Ensign.

Third Company,
Abraham Phillips, Captain,
Asher Bennett, Lieutenant,
Nathaniel Phillips, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
Nicholas Potter, Captain,
John Eddy, Lieutenant,
William Potter, Ensign.

Sixth Regiment in the County
of *Providence*.

Cranston :

Senior Class Company,
John Randall, jun. Captain,
Elisha Williams, Lieutenant,
Edward Stafford, Ensign.

First Company,
Joseph Harris, Captain,
Benjamin Potter, Lieutenant,
Edmund Stone, Ensign.

Second Company,
John Williams, jun. Captain,
Joseph Burgess, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Williams, Ensign.

Third Company,
Henry Wightman, Captain,
Seth Keach, Lieutenant,
Waterman Burlingame, Ensign.

Cheney :

Senior Class Company,
Daniel Wilbur, Captain,
Albro Cleveland, Lieutenant,
John Pain, Ensign.

First Company,
Laban Latham, Captain,
Harris Kelton, Lieutenant,
Joseph B. Leland, Ensign.

Second Company,
Joshua Angell, Captain,
Ezekiel Angell, Lieutenant,
Olney Angell, Ensign.

*Washington
Cavalry.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Washington Cavalry*, was made to his Excellency,

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celency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice,
to wit:

*Rowland Brown, Captain,
Samuel E. Gardner, First Lieut.* | *Jeremiah N. Potter, Second Lt.
Thomas H. Hazard, Cornet.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Johnston Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *Johnston Rangers.*
to wit:

*John McDonald, Captain,
Joseph Maibewson, First Lieut. | Elijah Day, Second Lieutenant,
Elija Waterman, Ensign.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independ. *Kingston*
ent Company called *The Kingston Reds*, was made to his Excellen. *Reds*.
cy the Governor, and the Council who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

*John Waite, Captain,
William C. Clarke, First Lieut. | Samuel Underwood, Second Lieut.
Joshua B. Curtis, Ensign.*

The following Return of the Officers elected by the independent *Glocester Light Infantry*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, *to wit*:

Joseph Steere, Captain, Jesse Potter, First Lieutenant, Abab Sayles, Second Lieutenant, John Hawkins, Ensign.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Kentish Troop*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : *Kentish Troop.*

*Preserved Hall, Captain,
Westcot Stone, First Lieutenant,
Christopher Weaver, Second Lt.* | *Richard R. Reynolds, Cornet,
David Greene, Quarter-Master.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The North-Kingstown Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, to wit : North-Kingstown Rangers.

<i>Gardner Reynolds, Captain, Thurston Northup, First Lieut.</i>	<i>John Northup (Son of Lebbeus) Second Lieutenant, Samuel D. Allen, Ensign.</i>
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THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Cranston Blues*, was made to his Excellency the Governor and Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : *Cranston Blues.*

James Parkerson, Captain, David Nicholas, Second Lieut.
Andrew Knight, jun. First Lt. Nebemiah Knight, jun. Ensign.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company, called *The Cumberland Light Infantry*, was made to his Excellency D *Cumberland Light Infantry*

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Excellency the Governor, and Council, who approve the Choice,
to wit :

Nathaniel Newman, Captain, | Joseph Mowry, Second Lieut.
Benjamin Hall, First Lieutenant, | Stephen Josslin, Ensign

*Coventry
Rangers.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Coventry Rangers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* :

John Bowen, Captain, | John Ramdale, Second Lieut.
Stephen Bowen, First Lieutenant, | Caleb Mathewson, Ensign.

*Washington
Independent
Company.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Washington Independent Company*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council who approve the Choice, *to wit* :

Daniel Sunderlin, jun. Captain, | Jeremiah G. Northup, Second Lt.
Vinson Gardner, First Lieut. | John Clarke, Ensign.

*Newport
Artillery
Company.*

THE following Return was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Artillery Company of the Town of Newport*, who approve the Choice, *to wit* :

Francis Malbone, Captain, | Walter Channing, Second Lieut.
Benjamin Fry, First Lieutenant, | Joseph Biss, jun. Ensign.

*Captain Ge-
neral's Cav-
aliers.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Captain-General's Cavaliers*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council who approve the Choice, *to wit* :

Edward Manton, Captain, | Jeremiah Knight, jun. Cornet,
Izrael Manchester, First Lieutenant, | John Manton, Quarter-Master.
Jeremiah Manton, Second Lieut.

*Providence
Light Infan-
try.*

THE following Return was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Governor's independent Company of Light Infantry*, in the Town of *Providence*, *to wit* :

Ebenezer Macomber, Captain, | Nicholas D. Greene, Second Lieut.
Christopher Hill, First Lieut. | Amos Warner, Ensign.

*Governor's
Volunteers.*

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company named *The Governor's independent Company of Volunteers*, was made to the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* :

Robert Taylor, jun. Captain, | Samuel Jackson, Second Lieut.
Thomas Williams, First Lieut. | Nathan Angell, jun. Ensign.

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THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Pawtuxet Rangers*, was made to the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : *Pawtuxet Rangers.*

Israel Arnold, Captain, | *Thomas W. Greene*, Second Lieut.
Rhodes Greene, First Lieut. | *John Arnold*, Ensign.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Corps of Light Dragoons*, in the County of Providence, was made to his Excellency the Governor, who approves the Choice, *to wit* : *Providence Light Dragoons.*

Ephraim Bowen, jun. Colonel, | *Edward Dexter*, Captain,
Henry Smith, Lieut. Colonel, | *Christopher C. Olney*, Lieutenant,
Sylvanus Hopkins, Major, | *Elisha Dyer*, Cornet.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The United Train of Artillery* in Providence, was made to the Governor and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : *Providence Artillery Company.*

Nathan Fisher, Colonel, | *James Burr*, Captain,
John Carlile, Lieut. Colonel, | *Sylvanus Tillinghast*, Lieutenant.
Peter Grinnell, Major,

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company called *The Light Company of the First Regiment* in the County of Providence, was made to the Governor and the Council who approve the Choice, *to wit* : *Light Company Providence.*

James Ormsbee, Captain, | *Joseph Baker*, Ensign.
Cromwell Barney, Lieutenant,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Proxes put in in the several Towns for the General Officers now elected, be delivered to the Sheriff of the County of Newport ; and that he burn them. *Proxes to be burnt.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Hundred Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. *John Wanton*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Use of his Boat, and for his Services, as Health-Officer for the Port of Newport, in the Year 1796. *200 D. allowed J. Wanton.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to *Robert Stanton*, and *John Waite*, Esquires, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of their Account, for apprehending *Russell Lewis*, who was charged with passing counterfeit Money, and binding him over to the Superior Court of Judicature. *3 D. 50 C. allowed R. Stanton and J. Waite.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Dollars be allowed and paid to *J. Almy*. *14 D. allowed J. Almy.*

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paid to *Jonathan Almy*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Rent of One Third of a Lot of Land, and House thereon, in *Newport*, being the Dower of Mrs. *Freelove Eldred*, from April 30, A. D. 1796, to April 30, A. D. 1797.

Report of the Damages done to C. Love and o. others by re- laying a Road from Providence. WHEREAS *Edward Manton*, Esq. and *Mr. David Sayles*, who were appointed, at the last Session, a Committee to appraise and ascertain the Damages done to *Charles Love*, *Samuel Rice* and *Molly Guile*, by the Relay and Alteration of the Post Road from *Providence* to *Plainfield*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers, agreeably to our Appointment, having met this Day, viewed the Road and Lands mentioned in the Act appointing us, and heard the Parties, beg Leave to Report, that the following Sums be allowed as Damages, to wit : To *Charles Love*, *Seventy-five Dollars* ; to *Samuel Rice*, *Forty-five Dollars* ; and to *Molly Guile*, *Ten Dollars*. All which is submitted by

EDWARD MANTON, } Com.
DAVID SAYLES,

Scituate, April 3, 1797.

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

142 D. 50 C. allowed to P. Arnold. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Peleg Arnold*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the Terms of the said Court held since *October* last.

88 D. allowed to W. Cooke. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Eighty-eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Walter Cooke*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the Terms of the said Court held since *October* last.

54 D. allowed to G. Brown. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifty-Four Dollars* be allowed and paid to *George Brown*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon divers Terms of the said Court during the Two last Circuits

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Four Dollars ^{104 D. al-}
 be allowed and paid to *Joshua Bicknell*, Esq. out of the General-
 Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State,
 at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his
 Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior
 Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the Terms of the said
 Court held since October last.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Twelve Dol- ^{112 D. al-}
 lars be allowed and paid to *Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending upon the Terms of the said Court, held since October last, and for divers other Services performed out of Term.

An ACT for filling up certain low Grounds, covered with stagnant Water in the compact Part of the Town of Providence.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, that ^{Act for fill-}
 certain low Grounds, in the compact Part of the Town of ^{ing up cer-}
Providence, are covered with stagnant Water, to the great Prejudice ^{tain low}
 of the Inhabitants in the Vicinity of such Places: For Remedy ^{Grounds in}
 whereof,

BE it Enabled by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
 of it is hereby Enabled, That upon Information being given of any such Place or Places to the Town Council of the said Town, the said Town-Council shall appoint a Committee to examine the Place or Places so complained of, and make Report thereof to them; that if, on the Report of such Committee, it shall be the Opinion of the said Town-Council that such Place or Places ought, for the Security of the Inhabitants, to be filled up, they shall by their Sergeants, or other proper Officer, notify the Owner or Owners of such Lands, or if Non-Residents, his, her, or their Agent or Attorney, that they fill the same within a Time to be limited by the said Town-Council: And that upon the Refusal or Neglect of such Owner or Owners, his, her, or their Agents or Attorneys, to fill up such low Grounds with Earth, within the Time limited as aforesaid, the said Town Council shall appoint a proper Person or Persons to fill the same with Earth, of such Depth as they may think necessary.

IT is further Enabled by the Authority aforesaid, That the Ac-
 counts, for all such Services as aforesaid, shall be presented to the Town-Auditors of the said Town, and be by them audited, and the Sums allowed certified; that the Owner or Owners of such Lot or Lots of Land, or his, her, or their Agent or Attorney shall be no-
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fied of the same, in the Manner herein before provided: And that, upon the Refusal or Neglect of such Owner or Owners, his, her, or their Agent or Attorney, to pay the Bills so audited, the said Town Council shall give an Order or Orders on the Town-Treasurer of the said Town, for the Amount of the same, who is hereby authorized to pay the Amount of such Bills, out of the Town-Treasury.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Town-Treasurer, upon his Acceptance of such Order or Orders, shall be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to sue for and recover the Amount of the same, with Costs in an Action of Debt, to be commenced and prosecuted by him, against the Owner or Owners of such Lots or Places so filled up; that the Writ in such Action of Debt may and shall be levied upon such Lots or Places so filled up; and the same shall and may be sold on Execution, to satisfy the Judgments which may be obtained in such Actions of Debt, according to Law: That if after satisfying such Executions any Surplus, arising from the Sale shall remain, such Surplus shall be paid to such Owner or Owners, his, her, or their Agent or Attorney, by the Sheriff, he taking his, her, or their Receipt for the same. And if such Owner or Owners, Agent, or Attorney, are not to be found within this State, or shall refuse to receive the same, the Sheriff shall lodge such Surplus in the Town-Treasury of the said Town, to be paid to such Owner or Owners, or to his, her or their Agent, or Attorney, or other proper Representative.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, if in the Opinion of the said Town-Council, it shall be necessary to carry a Ditch, Drain, or Sink, for the general Accommodation of any Part of the said Town, through any Lots or Lands, the Proprietors of such Lots or Lands shall pay for the Expence of doing the same, in Proportion to the Advantages they shall derive therefrom; to be assisted by a Committee to be appointed by the said Town-Council; and to be collected in the Manner herein before provided.

*J. Smith to
repair the
State House
in Provi-
dence.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Smith, Esq. be, and he is hereby appointed, to procure the Roof and Steps of the State-House in Providence, to be repaired; and that he exhibit his Account of the Expence thereof to this Assembly.

An ACT in Addition to and Amendment of the several Acts establishing the independent Companies herein after named.

*An permit-
ting certain
independent
Companies
to raise their
Fines.*

WHHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that the Clause in the Act establishing the independent Company called *The Corps of Light Dragoons*, in the County of Providence; and the Clauses in the several Acts establishing the independent Companies

Companies called *The United Company of the Train of Artillery* in *Providence*; *The Governor's independent Company of Light Infantry* in the Town of *Providence*; and *The Governor's independent Company of Volunteers*, which restrain the said several independent Companies from imposing any Fine, for the Breach of their Rules and Orders, to the Sum of *Twelve Shillings*, have proved inconvenient, and is insufficient for the Purpose of enforcing Obedience to the necessary Rules and Regulations established by them respectively, for the well governing, ordering, and disciplining the said several Companies; and that the said Companies are desirous that the said Sum should be raised: Wherefore,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly and by the Authority there-of it is Enacted, That the said several independent Companies be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, respectively, to impose such Fines, not exceeding the Sum of *Six Dollars*, for any One Offence, for the Breach of the Rules and Orders of such Company as they shall deem proper and necessary.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Warrants of Distress for collecting such Fines may be directed to either of the Town-Sergeants, or Constables, within the County of *Providence*; who are hereby empowered and directed to levy and collect the same; and that they be allowed therefor such Fees as they are entitled to by Law, for similar Services.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for paying into the General-Treasury the Tax assessed by this Assembly, at the Session held in *June, A.D. 1796*, be further extended, for the Benefit of the delinquent Towns, to Twenty Days from the Rising of this Assembly; and that, in Case the same be not then paid, together with the Interest, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to issue Executions against the Town-Treasurers of the delinquent Towns according to Law.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Six Dollars and Twenty five Cents 6D. 25C. allowed E. Manton.* be allowed and paid to *Edward Manton*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services and Expences, in assessing the Damages sustained by *Charles Love* and others, by the relaying and Alteration of the Post-Road, from *Providence* to *Plainfield*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Dollars be allowed and paid 9D. allowed D. Sayles.* to *Mr. David Sayles*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services and Expences, in assessing the Damages sustained by *Charles Love* and others, by the relaying and Alteration of the Post-Road from *Providence* to *Plainfield*.

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48 D. allow- *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Forty eight Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Kingsley Carpenter, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for Twenty-four Winsor-Chairs, placed in the State-House, at Providence, for the Use of this Assembly and of the Courts.*

102 D. 74 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Two Dollars and Seventy-four Cents be allowed and paid to Henry Ward, Esq. Ward, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for Services, as Secretary, since the Rising of this Assembly at the last Session.*

56 D. 25 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty-six Dollars and Twenty five Cents, be allowed and paid to Simeon Martin, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for Two Casks of Powder supplied the independent Companies in Newport, by Order of this Assembly.*

27 D. allow- *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-seven Dollars be allowed and paid to Joseph Reynolds, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Washington, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Support of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.*

2 D. 71 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents be allowed and paid to Cyrus French, Esq, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Balance of his Account, for examining, trying and convicting Mary Jones, and Rebecca Jones, Two poor Criminals, of Theft, and committing them to Gaol.*

76 D. 64 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seventy-six Dollars and Sixty four Cents be allowed and paid to Nehemiah Knight, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Providence, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Balance reported to be due, by a Committee of the House of Representatives, upon his Account, for attending upon this Assembly and the Courts of Common Law from February, A. D. 1796, to the present Time, and for providing Wood, &c.*

38 D. 37 C. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty eight Dollars and Thirty seven Cents be allowed and paid to Eliza R. Gardner, Esq. a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of Washington, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Balance reported to be due, by a Committee of the House of Representatives, upon his*

his Account, for delivering to the proper Persons the Schedules, Commissions, Proclamations, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Dollars and Ninety four 5 D. 94 C. Cents be allowed and paid to Messrs. Abel and Darius Allen, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of their Account, for making a large Table for the State-House in Providence, and for Work done upon the said House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Dollars and Twenty-four 7 D. 24 C. Cents be allowed and paid to Israel Manchester, a Deputy-Sheriff, and late Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Providence, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for providing Wood for the State-House in that County, and for Repairs made on the said Gaol.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Dollars and Seventeen Cents. 5 D. 17 C. be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Tew, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter, for cleansing the State-House, and for providing Sand, Brooms and Pitchers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Dollars be allowed and 3D. allowed paid to Mr. John Richards, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Dollars be allowed and 3D. allowed paid to Mr. James Tew, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Dollars be allowed and 3D. allowed paid to Mr. Thomas Melvill, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty Dollars be paid to John Smith, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; to be appropriated to repairing the State-House in the County of Providence, agreeably to his Appointment, at the present Session : And that he account for the same to this Assembly.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Address of this Assembly, at the last Session, to the late President of the United States, together with

ident of the with his Answer to that Address, be printed in all the Newspapers U. States in the State; and that the said Answer be inserted in the Schedules and his Answ^r to be of the Doings of this Assembly.

printed.

THE following is the Answer, directed in the preceding Resolve, Answer of to be printed.

the late Pre-
sident to the
Address from
this State.

Mount-Vernon, April 3, 1797.

To the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island, &c.

Gentlemen,

SUPPORTED by the patriotic Exertions and pleasing Approbation of my Fellow-Citizens, for a long Series of Years, in important, critical and highly interesting Situations, I have discharged my Duties with that Satisfaction to myself, which could only result from those Circumstances. And when, in the decline of Life, I gratify the fond Wish of my Heart, in retiring from public Labours, and find the Language of Approbation and fervent Prayers for future Happiness following that Event, my Heart expands with Gratitude, and my Feelings become unutterable.

BUT in full Confidence that under the wise, firm and patriotic Conduct of those who administer our public Affairs, the Prosperity, Happiness and Respectability of our Country, will be no less an Object than they have heretofore been, I feel a peculiar Satisfaction.

IF the Sentiments which I expressed on the Eve of my Retirement from public Life, meet the Approbation of my Countrymen, I must feel highly gratified; for they were the pure Sentiments of my Heart, founded on the Experience which I had in Life, and matured by the best Reflection I could give them.

ALTHOUGH guided by our excellent Constitution in the Discharge of official duties, and actuated through the whole Course of my public Life, solely by a Wish to promote the best Interests of our Country; yet, without the beneficent Interposition of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we could not have reached the distinguished Situation which we have attained with such unprecedented Rapidity. To Him, therefore should we bow with Gratitude and Reverence, and endeavour to merit a Continuance of his special Favour.

DEEPLY and gratefully impressed by your affectionate Address and benevolent Wishes, I shall not fail to supplicate the Throne of Grace, that the best of Heaven's Blessings may rest upon your State, and upon yourselves individually.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

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THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

State of the Grand Committee's Office.

Money loaned,

£.96608 14 7 $\frac{3}{4}$

State of the
Grand Com-
mittee's Of-
fice; and
Committee
to burn Loan
Money.

1793,	Delivered the Committee appointed to	
Jan. 29.	burn the Money loaned,	£.45864 7 0
1794,	Delivered the Committee appointed for	
Feb. 14.	the same Purpose,	6624 9 3
1795,	Delivered the Committee appointed for	
Jan. 23.	the same Purpose,	9440 3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
1796,	Delivered the Committee appointed for	
Jan. 29.	the same Purpose,	7320 8 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Loan Money now in the Office,	4889 8 7
	Specie and Bank-Bills in the Office, re-	
	ceived at the Rate of 1 for 15,	
	£.93 16 1 $\frac{1}{4}$, equal to,	1407 2 4
	Securities in the Office, and in Suit,	21080 15 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
		£.96608 14 7 $\frac{3}{4}$

I HEREBY certify that the above Account shews the present State of the Grand Committee's Office.

THOMAS RUMREILL, *Keeper of said Office.*

Newport, May 4, 1797.

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That Messrs. George Champlin, John L. Boss, and Archibald Crary, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to burn the Paper Money now in the said Office; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

THE General-Treasurer respectfully presents to the Legislature a Statement of the Balances due (exclusive of the Interest) on the State-Tax, ordered at the Session held in June, A. D. 1796.

Report of
the General-
Treasurer.

FROM the Towns of

Dols. Cents.

Newport,
Portsmouth,
Jamestown,
Tiverton,
Providence,
Smithfield,

201	57	Dols. Cents.
327	52	
42	63	
319	84	891 56
3010	37	
269	42	

North-Providence,

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<i>North- Providence,</i>	105	32	
			3385 11
<i>Westerly,</i>	277	42	
<i>South-Kingstown,</i>	615	43	
<i>Exeter,</i>	63	5	
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	300	38	
			1256 28
<i>Warren,</i>			113 9
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>			242 15
			Dollars 5888 19

Submitted by
Newport, May 4, 1797.

HENRY SHERBURNE.

Which Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

An ACT reviving the Charter of *The Kentish Guards.*

Charter of
The Kentish
Guards
revived.

WHHEREAS Mr. *Job Greene*, for himself, and in Behalf of a Number of others, preferred a Petition, and represented to this Assembly, that at the Session of this Assembly, held in October, A. D. 1774, a Charter was granted to an independent Company, called *The Kentish Guards*, composed of Inhabitants of the Towns of *Warwick, East-Greenwich and Coventry*; that by neglecting to convene at the Close of the late War, their Charter became vacated; and that a Number of the Citizens of the aforesaid Towns are desirous that the said Charter may be revived: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to pass an Act for that Purpose:

On Consideration whereof,

*BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Charter of the said Company be, and the same is hereby revived: And that the Company to be formed in Consequence of this Act, by the Name of *The Kentish Guards*, shall have and enjoy all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities granted in the said Charter, to the same Extent, and as fully and amply, as if the said Charter had never been vacated.*

Act in Addi-
tion to the
Act for in-
speeding
Lime.

An ACT in Addition to an Act entitled "An Act regulating the Assize of Lime Casks, and the Inspection of Lime."

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof of it is hereby Enacted, That it shall, in future, be the Duty of the

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the Freemen of the Town of *Cumberland*, at their annual Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, to appoint as many Inspectors of Lime, as by the said Freemen may be thought necessary, for regulating the Inspection of Lime burned in Kilns owned by the Inhabitants of the said Town, wherever the said Kilns are situated: That the Duty of such Inspectors shall be the same as by the said Act is assigned for the Inspection of Lime generally; and that they shall be entitled to the same Fees for their Services, and be in like Manner answerable for their Conduct under the said Appointment.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Freemen of the Town of Providence, legally convened in Town-Meeting, may appoint so many Inspectors of Lime as they shall think expedient: That on Application of any Purchaser of Lime, such Inspector, being previously engaged to a faithful Discharge of his Trust, shall be, and hereby is authorized to open the Casks containing the Lime when put up for Market, inspect the Quantity and Quality thereof, and render his Opinion thereon, which shall be conclusive between the Seller and Purchaser of the same: And that the Inspector shall be entitled to the same Fees for such Services, as are allowed to the Inspectors of Lime by the said Act; and in like Manner be responsible for their Conduct under such Appointment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty Dollars be allowed and paid to each Member of the Committee appointed to revise and digest the existing Laws of the State, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; and that they account for the same.

*R. Greene,
D. L. Barns,
W. Hunter,
C. Harris,
G. Thomas,
B. Bourne,
and W.
Greene, al-
lowed 50 D.
each.*

An ACT empowering the Town of *Newport* to appoint as many Vendue-Masters as they shall think necessary.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly and by the Authority aforesaid, *thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Freemen of the Town of *Newport*, at their annual Meeting in June next, and thereafter at their annual Meetings for the Choice of Town Officers, shall and may appoint so many Vendue-Masters, or Auctioneers, as they may think necessary.*

Provided, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Town shall and may, if they shall judge it expedient, authorize the Town-Council of the said Town to appoint and licence so many Vendue-Masters, or Auctioneers, as the said Town-Council may think necessary, on such Terms and in such Manner as the said Town-Council shall prescribe.

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AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Vendue-Masters, or Auctioneers, so to be appointed and licensed by the said Town, or by the said Town-Council, shall be subject to and regulated by all the Penalties, Laws, and Regulations made and provided, or to be made and provided, relative to Vendues, and Vendue-Masters.

Com. to de- *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Welcome Arnold, and John Smith, liver the Of- Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive fice of Clerk from the late Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of of the Supe- Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of rior Court, in Prov. Providence, the Books of Record, Seal, Files of Papers, and other dence. Things appertaining to that Office, and to deliver them to Paul Allen, jun. Esq. the present Clerk of the said Court ; and that they give and take proper Receipts for the same.*

Com. to de- *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Archibald Crary, and William liver the She- Tew, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to re- rift's Office ceive from the late, and deliver to the present, Sheriff of the Coun- in Newport. ty of Newport, all the Schedules, Gaol-Books, Bonds, and other Papers, appertaining to that Office ; and that they give and take proper Receipts for the same.*

Petition of *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of the Directors of the Directors' Fester Meeting-House Lottery, which was referred from the last to of Fester Meeting. the present Session, be further referred to the next Session ; that in House Lotte the mean Time all persons interested in the said Lottery be notified ry further re- fered. in the Newport Mercury, and in one of the Providence Newspa- pers, Three Weeks successively, then to appear, if they shall think fit, and answer the same : And that in the mean Time all proceed- ings against the said Directors, relative to the said Lottery be stayed.*

Resolve ref. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Petitions pending before this peeting Peti- Assembly, praying for the stay of Proceedings, be continued to the tions. next Session of this Assembly ; and that in the mean Time all Pro- ceedings be stayed, agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petitions.*

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That all Persons in Gaol, who have Petitions pending before this Assembly, praying for the Benefit of the insolvent Act, be liberated from Gaol, upon their giving Bonds to the Satisfaction of the Sheriff of the County, in which they are respectively confined, to return to Gaol if their respective Petitions shall not be granted at the next Session of this Assembly.

Officers con- *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Officers not re-elected, and in tinued. whose Places others have not been appointed, be and they are here- by continued in their respective Offices, until the next Session of this Assembly, with as full Power and Authority as they have at any Time heretofore had.*

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, and transmit Copies of them to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be delivered to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby adjourned to the Fourth Monday in June next, then to meet at the State-House in the County of Newport.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A true Copy, duly examined.
WITNESS,

Henry Ward Secy

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND):
PRINTED BY NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

JUNE, 1797.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden, by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday in June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Twenty-first Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Esq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, <i>Esq.</i>	ASSISTANTS.
NOAH MATHEWSON, <i>Esq.</i>	
JOHN SMITH <i>Esq.</i>	
JOHN COOKE, <i>Esq.</i>	
JAMES CONDON, <i>Esq.</i>	
THOMAS HOXSIE, <i>Esq.</i>	
PELEG CLARKE, <i>Esq.</i>	
JOB WATSON, <i>Esq.</i>	
JOHN HARRIS, <i>Esq.</i>	

THE SECRETARY.

REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE, 1797.

REPRESENTATIVES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :
Mr. Nicholas Taylor,
Mr. John L. Bots,
Archibald Crary, Esq.
William Tew, Esq.
Mr. Robert Lawton, jun.

PROVIDENCE :
Welcome Arnold, Esq.
John Smith, Esq.
Mr. Thomas P. Ives,
James Burrill, jun. Esq.

PORTSMOUTH :
Abraham Anthony, jun. Esq.
Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter,
Benjamin Brownell, Esq.

WARWICK :
Anthony Holden, Esq.
Thomas Holden, Esq.
Mr. Job Greene,
James Rhodes, jun. Esq.

WESTERLY :
Thomas Noyes, Esq.
Rowse Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM :
Mr. John Sands,
Mr. William P. Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :
George Thomas, Esq.
Mr. Beriah Waite.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :
Rowland Brown, Esq.
Mr. Thomas C. Hazard.

EAST-GREENWICH :
Mr. George Tillinghaft,
Richard Mathewson, Esq.

JAMESTOWN :
Mr. John Howland,
Mr. Daniel Weeden.

SMITHFIELD :
Job Aldrich, Esq.
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :
James Aldrich, Esq.
Job Randall, Esq.

GLOOESTER :
Samuel Winsor, Esq.
Mr. Silas Thayer.

CHARLESTOWN :
Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq.

Mr. Edward Wilcox.
 WEST-GREENWICH :
Mr. Ishmael Nichols,
Mr. William Mathewson.

COVENTRY :
Joseph Rice, Esq.
Mr. Thomas Waterman.

EXETER :
Mr. James Clarke,
Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :
Mr. William Peckham,
Mr. Benjamin Gardner.

BRISTOL :
Stephen Smith, Esq.
Mr. James D'Wolfe.

TIVERTON :
Christopher Manchester, Esq.
Joseph Durfee, Esq.

LITTLE-COMPTON :
John Davis, Esq.
Mr. Isaac Bailey.

WARREN :
Ichabod Cole, Esq.
Mr. Charles Wheaton.

CUMBERLAND :
Mr. David Sayles,
Mr. John Walcott.

RICHMOND :
Thomas James, Esq.
James Sheldon, Esq.

CRANSTON :
John R. Arnold, Esq.
John Mawney, Esq.

HOPKINTON :
George Thurston, Esq.
Mr. James Wells, jun.

JOHNSTON :
Edward Manton, Esq.
Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH PROVIDENCE :
Ezekiel Whipple, Esq.
Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.

BARRINGTON :
Thomas Allen, Esq.
Mr. Jeremiah Bowen.

FOSTER :
Daniel Howard, Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Hopkins.

The Speaker being absent by Reason of Indisposition, ARCHIBALD CRARY, Esq. was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives, *pro Tempore.*

WILLIAM MARCHANT, Esq. Clerk, of the House of Representatives.

The following Report was made to this Assembly, *so wit* : Report of

THE Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, at the Session in May last, a Committee to burn the Bills of Credit emitted upon Loan, in May, A. D. 1786, paid into the Grand Committee's Office, do report, that we have received of *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq. Keeper of the said Office, *Five Thousand and Sixty-two Pounds Six Shillings* in the said Bills, and have burnt the same. Which is submitted by,

£.5062 6 0 GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
 JOHN L. BOSS,
 ARCHIBALD CRARY, } Committee.

To the Honorable the General Assembly.

Newport, June 24th, 1797.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That George Champlin, and Archibald Com. to au-
Crary, Esquires, and Mr. John L. Boys be, and they are hereby ap- dit the Gen-
pointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General-Trea- eral Treasu-
surer; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next rer's Ac-
Session. counts.

An ACT to incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of *The United Congregational Society*, in the Town of Barrington, within this State.

WHEREAS divers Persons, belonging to the *Congregational Society* in the Town of Barrington, within this State, whereof the Reverend Solomon Townsend was late Pastor, preferred a Petition to this Assembly, praying for an Act of Incorporation, whereby they may be enabled to promote certain Purposes herein after mentioned:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That Messieurs Josiah Humphry, Edward Bosworth, Elkanah Humphry, Samuel Allen, Samuel Allen, Physician, William Brown, Consider Tripp, Solomon Townsend, Joshua Bicknell, Solomon Townsend, jun. Nathaniel Smith, Samuel Bosworth, Ebenezer Tiffany, Joseph Bicknell, Kent Brown, Samuel Allen, jun. Sylvester Viall, Thomas Allen, Benjamin Martin, Samuel Barnes, Asa Bicknell, Evenezier Peck, Matthew Watson, Matthew Watson, jun. John Barnes, Matthew Allen, Josiah Kinnicut, and John Harding, being the aforesaid Petitioners, together with such others as they shall from Time to Time elect, shall forever hereafter be a Body politick and corporate, by the Name of The United Congregational Society, in the Town of Barrington, for the Purpose of raising a Fund,

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Fund, by free and voluntary Subscription, and otherwise, for the Support of public Worship in the said Society. And the said *United Congregational Society* is hereby empowered to receive and hold all and any Subscriptions, Contributions, Donations and Legacies of any Sum or Sums of Money, or of any real or personal Estate; and also to have and possess Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Goods or Chattels whatsoever; and the same to lease, or otherwise convey, under their Seal, for the Use of the said Society, at their Will and Pleasure. And the said *United Congregational Society* shall, and are hereby declared to be a Body politic and corporate, capable in Law to sue and be sued, to plead and to be impleaded, in all Courts proper to try any Action or Suit by the said Corporation to be brought, in the Name of their Treasurer, and by them in his Name to defend in any Matter respecting the said corporate Body. And if the said *United Congregational Society* shall become seized of Lands, Tenements, or other real or personal Estate, or Chattels real, by Mortgage or otherwise, it shall be lawful for them by Deed, under their Seal, to convey such Lands, Tenements, or other Property acquired as aforesaid.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be a Meeting of the said *United Congregational Society*, in the said Town of Barrington, on the First Monday in May, annually, forever; at which Time they may and shall elect, from their own Body, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, and such other Officers as they shall judge necessary, who shall be sworn to the faithful Discharge of their respective Offices in due Form of Law.*

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be Meetings of the said *United Congregational Society* on the First Mondays in the Months of August, November, and February, annually, and oftener, if the said Society shall think needful, at such Places as the said Corporation shall direct.*

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *United Congregational Society* shall have a common Seal, which they may alter and change at Pleasure: And that the said Society, by the Name aforesaid, shall have perpetual Succession in Fact and in Name.*

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Nathaniel Smith shall be the First President, the aforesaid A/a Bicknell the First Vice-President, the aforesaid Joshua Bicknell the First Treasurer, and the aforesaid Solomon Townsend the First Secretary of the said Society, who shall continue in their respective Offices until the First Monday in May, A. D. 1798.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Donations to the said Society by voluntary Subscriptions, Contributions, Legacies, or otherwise, shall make a Part of, and be put into the capital

capital Stock or Fund of the said Society (excepting such as shall be differently appropriated by the Donors) and shall and may be disposed of for the Support of a Pastor, as the said Society shall direct.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Society, at any of their regular Meetings, may elect into their Number or Body such Persons as they shall judge proper; and may appoint Committees to prosecute the Orders of the said Society, and to act upon and do whatever may be judged necessary for the well ordering of the Affairs of the said Society.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Seven of the Members of the said Corporation (the President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary always to be one) being convened at any regular Meeting, shall be, and hereby are declared to be a Quorum of the said Society.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Donations of whatever Kind, or however made, to the said Society, with the Names of the Donors, and the Purposes for which such Donations shall be made, shall be entered on Record by the Secretary for the Time being; and also their yearly Income: That the Interest arising from the capital Stock or Fund of the said Society, not otherwise appropriated by the Donors shall be applied for the Support of the Pastor for the Time being, and the Surplus, if any, shall be appropriated as the said Society shall direct: And that the Accounts of the Treasurer shall be exhibited and audited at every annual Meeting of the said Society.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if ever there shall be a less Number than Seven belonging to the said United Congregational Society, then all the Money, Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, Obligations, Books, and Papers, together with all the Estate real or personal, or Chattels real, whatever belonging at that Time to the said Society, shall be given up to, and the sole Property thereof vested in, the said Congregational Society, late under the pastoral Care of the said Mr. Townend, for whose Use and Benefit the said United Congregational Society is instituted; and shall be lodged in the Hands of such Person or Persons as the Majority of the said Congregational Society shall appoint to receive the same.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Part of this Act shall be construed, or be understood, to grant any Power or Powers to the said United Congregational Society, to raise any Sum or Sums of Money, for the Purpose aforesaid, otherwise than by free Contribution, Subscription, Legacy or Donation.

AND it is further Provided, and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Rule, Order, Regulation, or By-Law shall be made

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and passed by the said *United Congregational Society* repugnant to the Laws of this State, or to the Design of this Institution.

IT is ordered, That upon the Application, and at the Expence of the Petitioners, the Secretary make an Exemplification of this A& under the State Seal.

Powder
granted to
Providence
Artillery
Company.

UPON the Petition of the independent Company, called *The United Company of the Train of Artillery*, in the Town of Providence,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Smith*, Esq. be, and he is hereby empowered to purchase, at the Expence of the State, Four Quarter-Casks of Gunpowder for the Use of the said Company, the ensuing Year; and that he exhibit his Account for the same to this Assembly at the next Session.

Officers of
the West-
Greenwich
and Coven-
try Light
Infantry.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the independent Company, called *The West-Greenwich and Coventry Light Infantry*, was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit*:

<i>Thomas Phillips</i> , Captain,	<i>Christopher Matteson</i> , Second Lieut.
<i>Caleb Bailey</i> , First Lieut.	<i>Samuel Remington</i> , Ensign.

J. White
discharged
from his 30
per Cent.
Bond.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Demand of the State, brought in the Name of *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq. late Collector of this State's Impost for the District of Providence, against *John White*, of Providence, Merchant, for *Thirty per Cent.* Damages, due on the Bond by him given to the Sheriff of the County of Providence to remain a true Prisoner, be relinquished: And that the Discharge made by the Attorney-General upon the Gaol-Book of that County for the Principal of the said Demand shall be a Discharge thereof.

Gen. Treas-
urer to re-
ceive from
the Loan-
Office the
cancelled
Notes.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive the State Notes, in the Hands of *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. the Commissioner of Loans for the *United States*, within this State, which have been cancelled; and that he give his Receipt for the same.

Liberties of
Newport
Gaol ex-
tend.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

To the Honorable the General Assembly,

We, your Committee for enlarging the Bounds of the Gaol in *Newport*, beg Leave to report, that, for the Convenience of ahose confined for Debt, as well as to grant to the said Prisoners Privileges more equal to those granted to the Prisoners for Debt in other Counties in this State, it is our Opinion that the Gaol Bounds in *Newport* be extended from the present North-East Boundary, at *James Taylor's Corner*, in a direct Line along that Street leading South-Eastly to the Court-House, embracing the whole Width of the said Street, and Twenty Feet Distance around the said Court-House,

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House, measuring from the Walls on the North, West, and South, and on the East from the Yard Fence, together with the Privilege of the Court-House. All which is submitted by

ARCHIBALD CRARY,
JOHN L. BOSS,
WILLIAM TEW,
} Com.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the Bounds therein mentioned be, and they are hereby established as the limits of the Liberties of the said Gaol.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the Artillery Company in the County of Bristol was made to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council, who approve the Choice, *to wit* : Officers of the Bristol Artillery Company.

Samuel Wardwell, Captain, | Samuel V. Peck, Second Lieut.
William D'Wolfe, First Lieut. | John Bradford, Ensign.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty-six Dollars and Ninety-four Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Nathaniel Phillips, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account to the present Time, for printing done for the State. 56 D. 94 C. allowed N. Phillips.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition presented to this Assembly, praying for a Revision of the Ten Rod Road, so called, leading through Part of North-Kingstown and Exeter to the Line of Connecticut, be referred to the next Session ; and that in the mean Time all Persons concerned be notified, by an Advertisement to be inserted Three Weeks successively in the Newport Mercury, then to appear, if they shall think fit, to show Cause, if any they may have, why the Prayer thereof ought not to be granted. Petition for the Revision of the Ten Rod Road referred

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Smith, and William Allen, Esquires be, and they are hereby empowered to draw the further Sum of Three Hundred Dollars, out of the General Treasury, for the Purpose of completing the Repairs of the State-House in Providence ; for which they are to account to this Assembly. Grant for Providence State House.

BOTH Houses being Resolved into a Grand Committee, made Officers Choioe of the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subse- elected. quent List to the Offices ascribed to them respectively, *to wit* :

Gideon Clarke, Esq. Chief, | Justice of the Court of Common
Robert Stanton, Esq. Second, } Pleas, and General Sessions of
Thomas Teft, Esq. Third, } the Peace, within and for the
William Hammond, Esq. Fourth, } County of Washington.
John Waite, Esq. Fifth. }

JUSTICES

JUSTICES of the PEACE for several Towns:

Newport :
 Henry Sherburne,
 Benjamin Sayer,
 Christopher Ellery,
 Robert Taylor,
 Jonathan Almy, *Esquires.*

Providence :
 Samuel Chace,
 James Arnold,
 William Thurber,
 George Tillinghast,
 William Richmond,
 William Tyler (*the Second*)
 William Jones,
 Wheeler Martin,
 Obadiah Brown, *Esquires.*

Warwick :
 Henry Remington, *Esq.*
in Addition.

Westerly :
 Samuel Bliven,
 Joseph Potter,
 Paul Maxson,
 Abel Larkin, *Esquires.*

North-Kingstown :
 George Thomas,
 Daniel Updike,
 William Corey,
 Nicholas C. Northup,
 William Northup,
 Oliver Gardner,
 Isaac Vaughan,
 Slocum Hall,
 Christopher Gardner,
 Jonathan Reynolds (*Son of*
William) *Esquires.*

South-Kingstown :
 John Segar,
 Caleb Tefft,
 Samuel E. Gardner,
 Samuel Helme,
 Barber Peckham,
 Samuel Hoxsie,

James Shearman, *jun.*
 Cyrus French,
 Levi Totten,
 Gideon J. Babcock,
 Josephus Peckham,
Esquires.

East-Greenwich :
 Hopkins Cooke,
 George Spencer,
 Andrew Boyd,
 Jonathan Pitcher,
 Thomas Sweet (*Son of* Syl-
 vester)
 John Place, *Esquires.*

Smithfield :
 Daniel Winsor, *Esq.* *in the*
Room of Dutee Winsor, *Esq.*
who declined.

Scituate :
 John Harris,
 Stephen Harris,
 John Wilkinson,
 Benjamin Angell,
 Jeremiah Stone,
 Gideon Austin, *jun.*
 Peleg Fisk, *jun.*
 Elisha Mathewson,
Esquires.

Charlestown :
 Peleg Cross,
 Simeon Babcock,
 Nathan Taylor,
 John Collier, *Esquires.*

West-Greenwich :
 Samuel Hopkins,
 Levi Whitford,
 Caleb Hall,
 George Potter,
 Stephen Wilcox,
 Amos Jaqways,
 Silas James,
 Hall Mathewson, *Esquires.*

Coventry :

Coventry :
 Benjamin Fenner, *Esq.*
in Addition.

Exeter :
 Samuel Bissell,
 Nathaniel Rathbun,
 Daniel Tillinghast,
Esquires,
all in Addition,

Middletown :
 Elisha Allen,
 Parker Hall,
 Clarke Taggart, *Esquires.*

Bristol :
 Thomas Swan,
 Samuel Bosworth,
 Richard Smith, *jun.*
Esquires.

Tiverton :
 Thomas Durfee,
 Lemuel Taber,
 Redford Dennis,
 Elihu Hicks,
Esquires.

Little-Compton :
 Enos Giffard,
 Thomas Palmer,
 Benjamin Tomkins,
 Isaac Wilbur,
 John Brown,
Esquires.

Cumberland :
 Philip Capron,
 Jotham Carpenter,
 Nathaniel Shepardson,
 Ebenezer Carpenter,
Esquires.

Richmond :
 James Sheldon,
 Remington Clarke,
 James Potter,
 Jonathan Maxson,

Jeremiah Tefft,
 Josias Lillibridge,
 Francis Brown,
Esquires.

Cranston :
 William Warner,
 Jeremiah Randall,
 John A. Burton,
 Joseph Harris,
 Stephen Fenner, *jun.*
 Nicholas Congdon,
 Samuel Budlong,
Esquires.

Hopkinton :
 David Nichols,
 Randall Wells,
 Josiah Witter,
 Moses Barber,
 Samuel Gardner, *jun.*
 Thomas Wells, *jun.*
 Thomas P. Gardner,
Esquires.

Johnston :
 Abraham Belknap,
 Benjamin Kimball,
 Caleb Alverson,
 Harding Harris,
 Joseph Williams,
 Ezekiel Angell,
Esquires.

North-Providence :
 Hope Angell,
 Ezekiel Whipple,
 Caleb Jenckes,
 Stephen Jenckes, *jun.*
Esquires.

Foster :
 Daniel Howard,
 Caleb Potter,
 Simeon Seamans,
 Jacob Phillips,
 Nehemiah Angell,
 Hezekiah Seamans,
 Fleet Brown,
Esquires.

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MILITARY OFFICERS.

Stephen Wrightman, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of Washington.

William Rhôdes, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Benjamin Wardwell, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.

James Updike, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

George James, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of Washington.

Caleb Westcott, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Providence.

*Jeremiah Thurston, Esq. First, } Major of the First Regiment of Mi-
Ethan Crandall, Esq. Second, } litia in the County of Washington.*

Joseph Adams, Esq. First Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Bristol.

*Benjamin Lewis, Esq. First, } Major of the Second Regiment of Mi-
Ezbon Sanford, Esq. Second, } litia in the County of Washington.*

*Gideon J. Babcock, Esq. First, } Major of the Third Regiment of Mi-
Levi Totten, Esq. Second, } litia in the County of Washington.*

Benjamin Fry, Esq. First Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of Providence.

INFANTRY OFFICERS.

Providence:

Fourth Company,
Joseph Snow, Captain,
Edward Luther, Lieutenant,
William F. Greene, Ensign.

North-Kingstown:

First Company,
Royal Vaughan, Captain,
Daniel Hunt, Lieutenant,
Joseph Corey, jun. Ensign.
Second Company,
George Bissell, Captain,
Thomas R. Congdon, Lieut.
Christopher Northup, Ensign.

Third Company,
Lodowick Updike, jun. Captain,
George Congdon (Son of James)
Lieutenant,

Nicholas Reynolds, Ensign.
Fourth Company,
James Shearman, Captain,
Henry Congdon, Lieutenant,
Lowry Shearman, Ensign.

South-Kingstown:

First Company,
Benjamin T. Sheffield, Captain,
John Cranston, Lieutenant,
John R. Sheffield, Ensign,
Second

Second Company,
Silas Clarke, Captain,
Robert Brown, Lieutenant,
Joseph M. Knowles, Ensign.

Scituate :

Second Company,
James Kimball, Captain,
Clements Smith, Lieutenant,
Elisha Bowen, Ensign.

Glocester :

Second Company,
William Lapham, Captain,
Jireh Ballou, Lieutenant,
Nathan Williams, Ensign.

Third Company,

James Potter, Captain,
Jenckes Sprague, Lieutenant,
Adser Eddy, Ensign.

Sixth Company,

James Place, Captain,
John Greene, Lieutenant,
Anan Evans, Ensign.

Charlestown :

Senior Class Company,
Samuel Perry, Captain,
Henry Greene, Lieutenant,
Gideon Burdick, Ensign.

First Company,

Braddock Peckham, Captain,
Benjamin York, Lieutenant,
James York, Ensign.

West-Greenwich :

Senior Class Company,
Thomas Case, Ensign.

Coventry :

First Company,
Edmund Arnold, Ensign.

Exeter :

First Company,
Hiams Bates, Captain,
Peter Weaver, Lieutenant,
Reynolds Lawton, Ensign.

Second Company,
John Maguire, Captain,

Gideon Arnold, Lieutenant,
Stephen Lewis, jun. Ensign.

Third Company,
Samuel Lewis, Captain,
Jonathan Wilcox, Lieutenant,
John Lewis, Ensign.

Middletown Company :

Giles Manchester, Captain,
James Irish, Lieutenant,
Christopher Barker, Ensign.

Bristol Company :

Thomas Church, Captain,
Loring Finney, Lieutenant,
William Reynolds, Ensign.

Tiverton :

Second Company,
Philip Sisson, Captain,
Peirce Dwelly, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Durfee, Ensign.

Warren :

First Company,
Benjamin Cole, Captain,
William Hoar, Lieutenant,
Preserved Alger, Ensign.

Second Company,
Samuel Mason, Captain,
Benjamin Saunders, Lieutenant,
Benjamin Barton, jun. Ensign.

Hopkinton :

First Company,
William Tanner (the 2d.) Capt.
Benjamin Langworthy, Lieut.
Amos Langworthy, Ensign.

Second Company,
Rowland Babcock, Captain,
Peleg Babcock, Lieutenant,
Henry Burdick, Ensign.

Third Company,
Nathan Maxson, Captain,
John Kinyon, Lieutenant,
Samuel Peckham, Ensign.

Fourth Company,
John Tanner, Captain,
Matthew

Matthew Stillman, Lieutenant, Caleb Church (the 2d.) Ensign.	John Harding, Lieutenant, John Martin, Ensign.
<i>Johnston:</i> Second Company, Olney Angell, Lieutenant, Caleb Bastow, Ensign.	<i>Foster:</i> Senior Class Company, Daniel Howard, Captain, Abiathar Young, Lieutenant, Squire Bucklin, jun. Ensign.
<i>Barrington Company:</i> Ebenezer Peck, Captain,	

R. Jones and his Daughters discharged from Gaol. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Robert Jones*, a poor Prisoner in the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, who was convicted of Theft, be liberated from Gaol for the Space of Eight Weeks: That if at the Expiration of that Term, or at any Time afterwards, he shall not have paid the whole Amount of the Fines imposed upon him, and upon *Mary Jones* and *Rebecca Jones*, his Two Daughters, who were convicted of the said Crime, and are now Prisoners in the same Gaol, together with all the Costs of Court, and of his and their Support in Gaol, then, and in that Case, it shall be the Duty of any Citizen of this State to apprehend him and commit him to any Gaol within the State: That his said Two Daughters be discharged from the said Gaol without Condition or Restriction: And that the Sheriff of the said County furnish them with such Cloathing, to the Amount of *Twenty Dollars*, as he shall think most suitable to their present Condition.

10 D. 75 C. allowed N. Potter. *AGREEABLY to the Report of a Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Ten Dollars and Seventy-five Cents* be allowed to *Noell Potter*, a special Deputy-Sheriff, for the Services of himself and Aid, in the Year 1784, in apprehending and committing to Gaol, by Virtue of Warrants from a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, several Persons charged with counterfeiting Dollars; and that the same be paid him out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

15 D. allowed A. Miner. *AGREEABLY to the Report of a Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Fifteen Dollars* be allowed to *Alpheus Miner*, a Deputy-Sheriff, for the Services and Expences of himself and Aid, in the Year 1791, in apprehending a *George Popple*, and attending upon the Superior Court, as a Witness against *Mount*, who was hanged; and that the same be paid him out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

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AGREEABLY to the Report of a Committee appointed by the ^{13 D. allow.} House of Representatives, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That ^{ed S. Potter.} Thirteen Dollars be allowed and paid to the Representatives of Stephen Potter, Esq. deceased, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Compensation of an Account by him charged against the State, for Services as a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in the Year 1784, in issuing Warrants against divers Persons suspected of counterfeiting Dollars, and in examining, and ordering them to Gaol.

An ACT empowering the several Town-Councils to tax Billiard-Tables in their respective Towns.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That the several Town-Councils in this State be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to assess and levy such Taxes or Excises upon all Billiard-Tables, which now are, or hereafter may be, kept or set up in their respective Towns, as they shall judge proper; that such Taxes or Excises shall be collected in the same Manner as other Town-Taxes are; and that the Money arising therefrom be paid into the Town Treasury of the Town where the same shall be collected, to and for the Use of such Town.

An ACT for calling in the Notes and Securities issued by the State, for Services and Supplies during the late War with Great-Britain, which have not been liquidated and exchanged, and for giving the Holders of them new Securities.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That the Holders of the Notes and Securities issued by the State, for Services and Supplies during the late War with Great Britain, included in the several Descriptions of Notes and Securities in the A&t passed at the Session held in January, A. D. 1795, and in the A&t in Addition thereto, passed at the Session held in May, A. D. 1795, for transferring the debt due from the United States to this State, and which have not been liquidated and exchanged, agreeably to the Provision of the said A&ts, be, and they are hereby authorized and permitted, any Time before the First Day of January, A. D. 1798, to carry the said Notes and Securities into the General Treasury: And that the General Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and required, to liquidate and adjust such Demands, and give new Securities for

the Amount thereof, upon the Principles of the said Acts, to carry an Interest thereon, at the Rate of *Four* per Cent. per Annum, from the First Day of *January*, A. D. 1795.

*IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the General Treasurer pay and indorse on all Notes, carrying the said Interest of *Four* per Cent. per Annum, from the said First Day of *January*, A. D. 1795, which have been already issued, and upon such as shall be issued pursuant to this Act, *Two Years* Interest, in Certificates, for the Amount of such Payments, to be paid out of the next State Tax, or any other Money that may be in the General Treasury.*

*PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Certificate for Interest, issued agreeably to this Act, be paid until after the said First Day of *January*, A. D. 1798.*

It is ordered, that this Act be published in the several Newspapers in the State.

12 D. allowed T.
Noyes.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twelve Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Thomas Noyes*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as one of the Committee on the Gaol in the County of Providence.*

19 D. allow-
ed I. Cole.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nineteen Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Ishabod Cole*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as one of the Committee on the Gaol in the County of Providence.*

9 D. allow-
ed T. Hol-
den.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Thomas Holden*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as one of the Committee on the Goal in the County of Providence.*

122 D. 68C.
allowed
H. Ward.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred and Twenty-two Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents* be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward*, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Services as Secretary, commencing at the Session in *May* last to the present Time.*

Report on
the De-
mands of G.
Horwell, who
is allowed

677 D. 73C.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit:*
To the Honorable the General Assembly, convened on the Fourth Monday in June, A. D. 1797.

PURSUANT to the Resolve of the General Assembly, passed at the Session held in *February*, A. D. 1797, I have examined the Vouchers

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ers in Favor of *George Howell* on the Notes of Hand given to him by *John Jencks, Samuel Young, and Joseph and Timothy Packer*, and the Payment of which is said to have been assumed by the State; and after deducting Twenty per Cent. upon the Amount of the Principal and Interest of the said Notes, agreeably to the said Resolve, I find due thereon to the said *George Howell*, the Sum of *Six Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars and Seventy-three Cents*; which is submitted by

RAY GREENE.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted: That the General Treasurer pay to the said *George Howell*, or to his legal Attorney, the said Sum of *Six Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars and Seventy-three Cents* in full Discharge of the Demands mentioned in the said Report; and that the said Notes be delivered up to the Individuals who gave the same, or to their legal Representatives, upon their lodging in the General Treasury a Discharge for any further Demand thereon against the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-seven Dollars and Nine-* 27 D. 90 C. *ty Cents* be allowed and paid to *Joseph Reynolds*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Maintenance of *Robert Jones* and his Two Daughters, poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, to the Twenty-sixth Day of June, A. D. 1797.

WHEREAS *Andrew Waterman*, of *Smithfield*, in the County of *Providence*, Yeoman, represented unto this Assembly, that he hath lately laid out and fenced a Piece of Land for a Highway, beginning at a Place a little above *Obed Seaver's* in *Smithfield* aforesaid, and extending about a Mile and Three Quarters until it unites with the old Road, near the Shop of *Benjamin Medbury*, Shoemaker, in *Glocester*; upon which he hath expended much Labour: That he is informed that a Petition to the General Assembly is now handed about for Subscriptions, praying that the said Way, which he hath been at the Trouble and Expence of making, may be converted into a Part of the great Country Road: And that he is willing to have the same done, and will freely contribute his Land and Labour before mentioned for that Purpose: Provided the General Assembly will make Provision to complete the said Way, and establish it as a public Highway, and defray the Expence of keeping it in Repair after it shall be so established:

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Road mentioned in the said Petition, as laid out by the said *Andrew Waterman*, shall be henceforth considered and established as a Part of the great Country Road

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Road, and shall be supported and repaired in the same Manner as the other public Roads and Highway in the State are: And that Messieurs *John Smith, Thomas P. Ives, and James Burrill, jun. be*, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to determine the Course and Width of the said Road; and that the same be done without Expence to the State.

Com. on the Memorial of John Reynolds, Esq. late Agent-Clothier for the State, setting forth that he hath never been allowed any Commission for transacting that Business, and praying that a Committee may be appointed to take that Matter into Consideration, and also to rectify several Mistakes made in the Settlement of his Accounts,

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Subject-Matter of the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of *George Champlin, Welcome Arnold, and Thomas Holden, Esq's,* and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.*

Com. on fraudulent Notes.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer, *John Handy, Esq. and Mr. Christopher Fowler, be*, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee, and authorized to mark such Notes as are retained in the General Treasury, upon Suspicion of their having been obtained by Fraud, if they shall deem them to have been so obtained; and that they still be retained in the General Treasury.*

Com. to fill up the Gaol Lot in Providence.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Smith, Charles Lippitt, and William Allen, Esquires, be*, and they are hereby, appointed a Committee to fill up the Gaol Lot in Providence; that they lay the Foundation of the State and County Prison in Conformity to the Plan and Report of the Committee, appointed for that Purpose, presented to this Assembly, at the present Session; that the said Committee be, and they are hereby, empowered to receive One Thousand Dollars out of the General Treasury for that Purpose for which they are to be accountable; and that they advertise for, Proposals to be made to them for contracting to build the said Gaol.*

Attorney-General to prosecute for divers Debts due to the State.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney General take into Consideration the Report made by *James Sheldon, Esq. and others* to this Assembly, of the Demands of this State against divers Individuals, for Lands, Debts, &c. that he prosecute, as early as may be, all such Demands as he may think adviseable; that he consult with the said *James Sheldon, and Thomas Peckham, Esq.* for further Information on this Subject; that he pay whatever Sums he may recover into the General Treasury; and that he make Report of such Lands as he may recover, if any, to the General-Treasurer.*

A Fourth Company in Smithfield formed.

UPON the Representation of the Field Officers of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Part of the First and Third Companies of Infantry in the Town of Smithfield be taken off from the

the said Companies, and formed into a Fourth Company by the following Lines of Division, *to wit*: Beginning at the Line between *Smithfield* and *North-Providence*, at *Wanaquatucket River*; thence Northerly with the said River to the Fork; thence, following the Northerly Branch of the said River that leads by *Appleby's Forge* until it comes North of the House of *Richard Mowry*; thence Easterly, bounded on the Second or *Woonsoquet Company*, to the House of *Jonathan Taylor*; thence Southerly to the House of *Benjamin Newell*, still Southerly to the House of *Stephen Smith*, formerly *Richard Sayles's*; thence Southerly to the Forks of the Road known by the Four Corners; thence, running with the Road, to *Pulling's Corner*; thence, Southerly, with the said Road, to the House of *James Young*; and thence South to *North-Providence Line*, and bounded thereby to the said *Wanaquatucket River*: And that the said Fourth Company comprehend all the aforesaid Houses, and all the Men within the aforesaid Lines.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Stephen Farnum* be appointed Officers ^{ap-} Captain, *David Harris, jun.* Lieutenant, and *Samuel Mowry*, En- ^{pointed.} sign, of the Fourth Company of Infantry in the Town of *Smithfield*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-three Dollars and Nine-
ty-six Cents* be allowed and paid to *Jonathan Niles*, Esq. Sheriff of <sup>23 D. 96 C.
allowed
J. Niles.</sup> the County of *Kent*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account to the present Time, for the Support of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, for *Wood* provided for the Use of the Superior Court, and for transmitting Commissions and Schedules to the proper Officers in the said County.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *William Jones, Wheeler Martin, Officers ap-
and Obediah Brown, Esquires, be, and they are hereby, appointed point.* Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Providence*; in Addition.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-three Dollars* be allowed ^{33 D. allow.} and paid to Messrs. *Benjamin and John Mumford*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of their Account, for carrying from the Secretary's Office to the different Counties in the State, for Six Years last past, Schedules, Commissions, Proclamations, particular Acts of Assembly, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Dollar and Forty-one Cents* ^{1 D. 41 C.} be allowed and paid to Mr. *John Richards*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for repairing the Fence round the Yard of the State-House in the County of *Newport*, and for Candles provided for the Use of the Court of Common Pleas in the said County.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty one Dollars and Seventy-
five Cents* be allowed and paid to *William Marchant, Esq.* out of <sup>21 D. 75 C.
allowed W.
Marchant.</sup> the

the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, at the last and the present Session, as Clerk of the House of Representatives, and for providing Paper, Quills, &c.

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ernor, and
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Dep. Gov. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Hundred Dollars be allowed to His Excellency Arthur Fenner, Esq. for his Salary as Governor of the State the Year past : That Two Hundred Dollars be allowed to the Honorable Samuel J. Potter, Esq. for his Salary as Deputy-Governor of the State the last Year : And that the same be paid to them respectively, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.*

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allowed B.
Wilbur. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Dollar and Seventy five Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Benjamin Wilbur, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for repairing the Windows of the State-House in the County of Newport.*

50 D. 66 C.
allowed
T. Freebody. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fifty Dollars and Sixty six Cents be allowed and paid to Thomas Freebody, Esq. out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being a Balance which appears to be due, by the Report of a Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, upon his Account, for superintending the Press, when the Bills of Credit emitted by this State in May, A. D. 1786, were struck off, and for a large Book for Records, delivered to the late General-Treasurer, for the Use of his Office.*

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lowed
H. Barber. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Henry Barber, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Sum reported, by a Committee of the House of Representatives, to be due on his Account for Printing done for the State to the present Time.*

133 D. 33 C.
allowed J.
Whitmore. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty three Cents be allowed and paid to Jesse Whitmore, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Providence, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Sum reported, by a Committee of the House of Representatives, to be due on his Account, for Repairs made on the said Gaol.*

6 D. 28 C.
allowed
T. Tew. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. Thomas Tew, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly at the present Session,*

sion, as a Waiter, and for Sand provided by him for the State-House.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid ^{6 D. allow-} to Mr. Thomas Melville, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or ^{ed T. Mel-} in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate ^{will.} of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid ^{6 D. allowed} to Mr. John Richards, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or ^{J. Richards.} in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid ^{6 D. allowed} to Mr. James Tew, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in ^{J. Tew.} the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly, as a Waiter, at the present Session.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General Treasurer be, and Grant to ^{B.} he is hereby, directed to pay to Benjamin Shearman, of Newport, ^{Shearman.} Ropemaker, the Note he holds against the State for Forty-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and a Penny, dated in July, A. D. 1784, together with the Interest which hath accrued thereon.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Dollars be allowed and ^{14 D. allow-} paid to Henry Ward, Esq, out of the General Treasury in Specie, ^{ed H. Ward.} or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, as Secretary, including One Day to return.

An ACT in Amendment of an Act, entitled
"An Act for the Ease of Prisoners committed for Debt."

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority ^{Amend-} ^{ment of the} thereof it is hereby Enacted, That so much of the aforesaid ^{Act for the} Act as provides that the Bonds therein mentioned shall be sued in ^{Ease of Pris-} the Name of the Sheriff, be and the same is hereby repealed. ^{oners for} ^{Debt.}

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, in future, all such Bonds may be sued in the Name of the Creditor, or Creditors, to whom such Bonds may have been assigned, or in the Name of the Sheriff: And that in Case such Action shall be commenced in the Name of the Creditor, or Creditors, as Assignee, or Assignees, of the Sheriff, then the Sheriff, or his Deputy, may serve the Writ issued in such Case.

WHEREAS

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J. Reynolds's WHEREAS *George Champlin, Esq.* and *Mr. John L. Bois*, who were appointed by the House of Representatives a Committee on the Account of *John Reynolds, Esq.* as Sheriff of the County of Kent, in the Year 1777, presented unto this Assembly a Report thereon which did not prove satisfactory :

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be recommitted to the same Gentlemen ; and that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Resolve respecting Petitions. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Proceedings be stayed on all Petitions pending before this Assembly, wherein the staying of Proceedings is prayed for ; that all Petitioners who stand committed to Gaol, or who are liable to be committed, upon civil Proces, be liberated until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session, provided they give Bonds, satisfactory to the Sheriffs of the several Counties where they have been, or may be committed, that they will return to Gaol if the Prayer of their respective Petitions shall not be granted.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That no Petitions, to which there are adverse Parties, be heard at the Session of this Assembly, to be holden at *Bristol*, on the Second *Monday* in *September* next ; that no Costs for that Session be taxed on such Petitions by either of the Parties : And that a Copy of this Resolve be published in the *Newport Mercury*, and in one of the *Providence* Newspapers.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session ; that the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, and transmit them to the several Town-Clerks in the State, in the usual Manner : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the Second *Monday* in *September* next, then to convene in the State-House in *Bristol*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY DULY EXAMINED

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Saenger

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND) :
PRINTED BY NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

OCTOBER, 1797.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and helden, at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Wednesday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Twenty-second Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Efq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Efq.*
NOAH MATHEWSON, *Efq.*
JOHN SMITH, *Efq.*
JAMES CONGDON, *Efq.*
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Efq.*
PELEG CLARKE, *Efq.*
JOB WATSON, *Efq.*

} ASSISTANTS.

SAMUEL E. GARDINER, *Efq.* Secretary *pro Tempore.*

REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Champlin, *Esq.*
Mr. John L. Bots,
 Archibald Crary, *Esq.*
Mr. Robert Lawton, *jun.*
Mr. Samuel Carr,
 Walter Channing, *Esq.*

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
 John Smith, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas P. Ives,
 William Rhodes, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter,
Mr. Peleg Almy.

WARWICK :

Anthony Holden, *Esq.*
 Thomas Holden, *Esq.*
Mr. Job Greene,
 James Rhodes, *jun.* *Esq.*

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, *Esq.*
 Rowse Babcock, *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

George Thomas, *Esq.*
Mr. Beriah Waite.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowland Brown, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas C. Hazard, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. William G. Spencer,
 Richard Mathewson, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Howland,
Mr. Daniel Weeden.

SMITHFIELD :

Job Aldrich, *Esq.*
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, *Esq.*
 Job Randall, *Esq.*

GLOCESTER :

Samuel Winsor, *Esq.*

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun.* *Esq.*
 Gideon Hoxsie, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Caleb Howard,
 George Potter, *Esq.*

COVENTRY :

Joseph Rice, *Esq.*
 Nathan Bowen, *Esq.*

EXETER :

Mr. James Clarke,
 Lillibridge Barber, *Esq.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Benjamin Gardner,
Mr. James Potter.

BRISTOL :

None.

TIVERTON :

Christopher Manchester, *Esq.*
 LITTLE-COMPTON :

John Davis, *Esq.*
Mr. Isaac Bailey.

WARREN :

None.

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. David Sayles,
Mr. John Walcott.

RICHMOND :

Thomas James, *Esq.*
 James Sheldon, *Esq.*

CRANSTON :

John R. Arnold, *Esq.*
 Caleb Williams, *Esq.*

HOPKINTON :

Mr. James Wells, *jun.*
Mr. Hezekiah Babcock, *jun.*

JOHNSTON :

Edward Manton, *Esq.*
Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, *Esq.*
 Stephen Jenckes, *jun.* *Esq.*

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, *Esq.*

FOSTER :

Simeon Seamans, *Esq.*
Mr. Stephen Davis.

The Honorable GEORGE CHAMPLIN, *Esq.* was chosen Speaker, and WILLIAM MARCHANT, *Esq.* Clerk, of the House of Representatives.

THE following Return of the Officers elected by the charter-
ed Company of Ready Volunteers, in the County of Bristol, the Ready
Officers of
was made to his Excellency the Governor, who approved the
Volunteers in
Choice, to wit : the County
of Bristol.

John T. Child, Captain, | Calvin Martin, Second Lieut.
Thomas Kinnicut, First Lieutenant. | Daniel Bradford, jun. Cornet.

WHEREAS the Committee, appointed to audit the Accounts of Report upon
the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly a State of the General-
his Specie Account, and their Report thereon, as follows, to wit : Treasurer's
Specie Ac-
count.

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account, in Specie, with
Henry Sherburne, General-Treasurer.

	Dolls. Cts.
To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 24, from Voucher No. 1 to Voucher No. 46 inclusive, File A,	7081 72
To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 25, from Voucher No. 47 to Voucher No. 88 inclusive, File B,	4659 23
To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 26, from Voucher No. 89 to Voucher No. 132 inclusive, File C,	4688 36
To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 27, from Voucher No. 133 to Voucher No. 176 inclusive, File D,	1867 24
To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 28, from Voucher No. 177 to Voucher No. 218 inclusive, File E,	5247 47
To Cash paid, as per Book No. 1, Page No. 29, from Voucher No. 219 to Voucher No. 251 inclusive, File F,	2997 15
Balance due to the State,	6977 17
	Dollars 33518 34

Creditor.

1796, } By Balance of the Specie Account, this Day Jan. 29 } adjusted, £. 1532 1 2½ is,	5106 87
} By Balance of Account for Interest received on } funded Stock, this Day adjusted £. 286 } 13 4½ is;	955 56
Feb. 8. By Cash received of Eliza R. Gardner, at dif- ferent Times, late Collector of the Interest Bonds upon the Emission of May, A. D. 1786, for the County of Washington, in full £. 537 2 9, in Paper Money, which at 15 for 1, is £. 35 16 2, equal to,	119 35
16. By Cash received of William Greene, Ray Greene, and George Tillinghast, the Com- mittee who sold the old Gaol and Lot of Land in the County of Kent, by the Hands of Earl Mowry, the Vendue-Master's Fees being deducted,	162 74
	June

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June 4.	By Cash received of <i>Edward Thurston</i> , Deputy-Sheriff, in full for an Execution, at the Suit of the State, against <i>Edward Peterson</i> , for Breach of the Act to prevent spreading contagious Diseases,	50 0
13.	By Cash received of <i>Wheeler Martin</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Providence, for a Fine received by him, for a Breach of the Peace,	3 0
14.	By Cash received of <i>Christopher Ellery</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Newport, for a Fine received by him, for a Breach of the Peace,	0 25
	By Cash received of <i>Christopher Peirce</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Exeter, for Fines by him collected, for Breaches of the Peace,	1 25
	By Cash received of <i>Oliver Durfee</i> , a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Newport, for Two Fines collected by him, for Breaches of the Peace,	0 50
16.	By Cash received of <i>Ezekiel Cooke</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Gloucester, for a Fine collected by him, for a Breach of the Peace,	0 50
July 15.	By Cash received of <i>Ebenezer Thompson</i> , late Collector of the State's Impost for the District of Providence, by the Hands of <i>Charles Sampson</i> , a Deputy Sheriff, for Executions against the following Persons, <i>to wit</i> : <i>Wellecome Arnold</i> , D. 540 31, <i>Waterman and Jackson</i> , D. 190 10, <i>Caleb Greene and Company</i> , D. 91 4, <i>Fenner and White</i> , D. 62 97, <i>Stephen Dexter</i> , D. 41 49, <i>Zephaniab Brown</i> , D. 40 73, <i>Thomas Haljeay</i> , D. 20 97, <i>Simeon Ingraham</i> , D. 10 59,	998 20
Sept. 17.	By Cash received of <i>William Thurber</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Providence, for Fines received by him, for Theft,	10 0
Oct. 14.	By Cash received of <i>Ebenezer Thompson</i> , late Collector of the State's Impost for the District of Providence, by the Hands of <i>Charles Sampson</i> , a Deputy-Sheriff, for Executions against the following Persons, <i>to wit</i> : <i>Cyprian Sterry</i> , D. 592 91, <i>George Benson</i> , D. 630 1, <i>Zachariah Allen</i> , D. 862 22, <i>William Russell</i> , D. 361 65, <i>William Page</i> , D. 64 80, <i>Brown and Ives</i> , D. 25 59,	2537 18
24.	By Cash received of <i>Caleb Teft</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of South-Kingstown, for Two Fines collected by him,	1 0
		Nov.

Nov. 3. By Cash received of <i>Joseph Fenner</i> , Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of <i>Providence</i> , for <i>Willis Kelley's</i> Fine, who was convicted of passing a counterfeit <i>Dollar</i> ,	300 0
4. By Cash received of <i>Cyril Carpenter</i> , for 1 Note of Hand, with Interest to March 1st, 1796, and 1 Year's Interest on 2 more Notes,	178 19
By Cash received of <i>Ebenezer Thompson</i> , late Collector of this State's Impost for the District of <i>Providence</i> , in Paper Bills, Orders of Assembly and Courts, in Part of the Balance due from him, as reported at October Session, A. D. 1796,	432 91
23. By Cash received of <i>Elisha R. Potter</i> , late Collector of the Interest Bonds upon Bills of Credit, for the County of <i>Washington</i> , at different Times, in full, £. 697 12 9, in the Bills of Credit, equal, at 15 for 1, to	155 3
1797, } By Cash received of <i>Ebenezer Carpenter</i> , a June 27. } Justice of the Peace for the Town of <i>Cumberland</i> , for a Fine collected by him,	1 0
By Cash received of <i>Obadiah Brown</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of <i>Providence</i> , for <i>Matthew Read's</i> Fine,	50 0
By Cash received of <i>Peleg Crofts</i> , a Justice of the Peace for the Town of <i>Charlestown</i> , for a Fine received by him,	1 0
By Cash received of <i>Ray Greene</i> , Attorney-General, by him collected on Impost Bonds, to wit: <i>Weeden and Bailey</i> , D. 19 44, <i>John Sprague</i> , D. 4 32, <i>Charles Briggs</i> , D. 6 39, <i>John White</i> , on Suit, D. 68 59,	98 74
By nett Balance of Account, reported June Session, A. D. 1796, against his Excellency <i>Arthur Fenner</i> , for Sale of Powder,	730 35
July 21. By Cash received of <i>Oliver Durfee</i> , One of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of <i>Newport</i> , for a Fine for an Assault,	0 50
Aug. 10. By Cash received of <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Commissioner of Loans, for Interest and Reimbursements on the Certificates of Funded Stock, held by this State, against the <i>United States</i> , from January 1st, 1795, to July 1st, 1797,	263 33
By a State-Tax ordered by the General Assembly, June Session, A. D. 1796,	20000 0
By Interest received of the following Towns, on the above Tax, to wit:	
<i>Newport</i> , D. 7 99, <i>Portsmouth</i> , D. 8 39, <i>James-town</i> , D. 1 46, <i>Middletown</i> , D. 1 10, and <i>Tivertown</i> , D. 8 30,	27 24
B	<i>Providence</i> ,

<i>Providence, D. 93 58, Smithfield, D. 7 39,</i>	
<i>Glocester, D. 1 55, North-Providence,</i>	
<i>D. 8 82, and Foster, D. 3 35,</i>	114 69
<i>Westerly, D. 7 36, North-Kingstown, D. 2 66,</i>	
<i>Scitul-Kingstown, D. 21 79, Exeter, D. 3,</i>	
<i>Charlestown, D. 1 21, Richmond, D. 1 53,</i>	
<i>and Hopkinton, D. 10 82,</i>	48 37
<i>Warren, D. 3 52, Barrington, D. 0 47,</i>	3 99
<i>East-Greenwich, D. 7 87, West-Greenwich,</i>	
<i>D. 1 1, and Coventry, D. 1 62,</i>	10 50
Oct. 2. By Cash received of <i>Cyril Carpenter</i> , in part	
of his Note, due to the State, <i>March</i>	
<i>1st, 1797,</i>	50 0
10. By Cash received of <i>Andrew Boyel</i> , Clerk of	
the Superior Court, for the County of <i>Kent</i> ,	
for <i>Jesse Andrews</i> ' Fine, for an Assault,	58 77
By over Charge on <i>John Dorrance</i> 's Order,	
<i>D. 90 50, and Peleg Arnold's Order, D. 82 50,</i>	173 0
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	<i>D. 33518 34</i>

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, at last June Session, we, having carefully examined the above Account, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, do report, that we find a Balance due to the State, of *Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents*. And furthermore, that there is now in the General-Treasury, of the Paper Money ordered by Congress, in *March, A. D. 1780*, *Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*; and in old Continental Money, State-Paper, &c. lodged for Tenders, the Sum of *Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny*, being the same Sums that were reported at the last Audit. Which is submitted by,

GEORGE CHAMPLIN, }
JOHN L. BOSS, } Committee.
ARCHIBALD CRARY, }

Newport, October 21, 1797.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Report of
the General-
Treasurer's
Paper Mo-
ney Account.

THE Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly the following Statement, *to wit*:

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Henry Sherburne*, General-Treasurer, for the Paper Money emitted in *May, 1786*, and lodged in the General Treasury, for Tenders.

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To Cash paid divers Persons, as per Book
 No. 1, Page No. 21, from Voucher
 No. 1, to Voucher No. 8, inclusive, £. 1186 19 9
 1797, } Balance now remaining in the Treasury, 7070 18 1
 Oct. 21. }
 £. 8257 17 10

Creditor.

1796. } By Balance of Account, this Day adjusted, £. 8257 17 10
 Jan. 29.

AGREEABLY to our Appointment, at last June Session, we, having carefully examined the above Account, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, do report, that the Sum of *Seven Thousand and Seventy Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and One Penny* is now in the Treasury. Which is submitted by

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
 JOHN L. BOSS, } Committee.
 ARCHIBALD CRARY,

Newport, Oct. 21, 1797.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

THE Committee, appointed to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, presented unto this Assembly, the following Statement, to wit: Report of
H. Sherburne
as Trustee
to the State.

Statement of the Funded Stock, belonging to the State, and held by Henry Sherburne, as Trustee, to wit:

Six per Cent. Stock.

Dollrs. Cts.

1797, } Received of Jabez Bowen, Commissioner of
 Aug. 10. } Loans, being the Balance not applied for by
 the Creditors of this State, within the Time
 prescribed by Act of Congress, 1237
 Oct. 6. Received of Ditto, for a Transfer made by Benjamin Sherman, on a Settlement with him, by
 Order of Assembly, June Session, 1797, 85 10
 D. 1322 14

Deferred Stock.

Dollrs. Cts.

Aug. 10. Received of Jabez Bowen, Commissioner of
 Loans, being the Balance not applied for by
 the Creditors of this State, within the Time
 prescribed by Act of Congress, 630 25
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O ^d . 6. Received of Ditto, for a Transfer made by Benjamin Sherman, on a Settlement with him, by Order of Assembly, June Session, 1797,	43 25
	<u>D. 673 50</u>

Three per Cent. Stock.

Dollars. Cts.

Aug. 10. Received of Jabez Bowen, Commissioner of Loans, being the Balance not applied for by the Creditors of this State, within the Time prescribed by Act of Congress,	377 46
O ^d . 6. Received of Ditto, for a Transfer made by Benjamin Sherman, on a Settlement with him, by Order of Assembly, June Session, 1797,	25 44
	<u>D. 402 90</u>

THE above is a true Statement, as appears by the Certificates produced to us, by the aforesaid *Henry Sherburne*.

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN L. BOSS,
ARCHIBALD CRARY, } Committee.

Newport, O^d. 21st, 1797.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Report of
the Com.
on Debts
due to the
State.

THE following Report, of the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, was presented to this Assembly, *to wit*:

YOUR Committee, on the Accounts of the General-Treasurer, beg Leave to represent, that there is due from *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq. on the Impost by him collected, £. 58, being Part of the Balance of his Account, which is not paid into the Treasury. That there is due from Doctor *Cyril Carpenter*, on One of his Notes of Hand, £. 30 and 18 Months Interest. That *George Irish*, Esq. is indebted to the State £. 66 8 5, as reported by a Committee, in February, 1794. That *Julian Putnam* and others are also indebted in a Note of Hand, for £. 82 11 8, which is of long standing. And it appears that considerable Sums of Money are due from the Districts of *Newport* and *Providence*, on the Impost-Bonds.—Your Committee do further represent, that there is yet remaining in the General-Treasurer's Office, a large Number of State Notes, that were lodged for the Paper Money of 1786, and others paid in Taxes, which have not been claimed by any Person, agreeably to Act of Government.—The false Certificates, so called, retained in the Treasury,

Treasury, with the other Matters beforementioned, your Committee have conceived it their Duty to state to the Assembly for their Consideration.

Which is submitted by
 Your Honours most obedient Servants,
 GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
 JOHN L. BOSS,
 ARCHIBALD CRARY, } Committee.

Newport, Oct. 21st, 1797.

Honourable General Assembly.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be accepted; and that the Attorney General be directed to call upon the said *Cyril Carpenter, Ebenezer Thompson, George Irish, and Jordan Putnam*, and others, for Payment of the Sums reported to be due from them to the State, which if not paid, that he be, and hereby is further directed to prosecute therefor by Law.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-four Dollars be allowed and paid to *Walter Cook*, Esquire, out of the General-Treasury, in ^{24 D} _{ed W. Cooke.} Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services, as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending said Court, during the Fall Circuit.

THE following Report was presented to this Assembly, *to wit*:

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

HENRY SHERBURNE, as Trustee to the State, respectfully offers to the Legislature, the following Report, *to wit*:

Report of
*H. Sher-
 burnne as
 Trustee to
 the State.*

THAT in Obedience to the A&ts of the General Assembly, of February and June last, he hath received of *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. Commissioner of Loans, in this State, the following Sums of Funded Stock, *to wit*: *Twelve Hundred and Thirty seven Dollars and Four Cents*, in *Six per Cent. Stock*; *Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars and Twenty five Cents*, in *Deferred Stock*; and *Three Hundred and Seventy-four Dollars and Forty six Cents*, in *Three per Cent. Stock*; being the Balance, remaining in the Hands of the said *Jabez Bowen*, of the Debt transferred by this State to its Creditors, and which was not called for by the Creditors, within the Time prescribed by Act of Congress: That the aforesaid Sums are now transferred to, and placed on the Books of the said *Jabez Bowen*, in the Name of *Henry Sherburne*, as Trustee for the State of *Rhode-Island*.—He also, as General-Treasurer, received of the said *Jabez Bowen*, the State Notes, &c. that were delivered him (which have been cancelled) at the Time the Debt was transferred to the Creditors, and find that they agree with the Invoice then received, by the said *Jabez Bowen*, from this Office.

THAT there has been received at various Times, and now is in the Office, a considerable Sum, in old State Notes and Certificates,

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for which new Notes have been issued, conformable to the Acts of the General Assembly, particularly that of *June* last. As the said Notes, &c. cannot be of any Use, and are discharged agreeably to the existing Laws, the General Treasurer, with due Diference to the Legislature, begs leave to suggest the Propriety of having them burnt, with those received from the Office of *Jabez Bowen*, Esq. by a Committee to be appointed for that Purpose.

Which is submitted by

Your obedient Servant,
HENRY SHERBURNE.

Newport, October 24th, 1797.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that Messrs. *John L. Boss*, *Archibald Crary*, and *Walter Channing*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to burn the old State Notes, and Certificates, for which new Ones have been issued; and also those received from *Jabez Bowen*, and cancelled, when the Debt was transferred to the Creditors; all which are in the Office of the General Treasurer: And that they make Report to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Com. to burn Notes. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Messrs. *John L. Boss*, *Archibald Crary*, and *Walter Channing*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine the State Notes, and Securities, lodged in the General Treasury, in Payment of Taxes; and the State Notes, and Securities, paid off in the late Paper Money, and lodged, by the Holders, in the General Treasury: That they make out, and deposit in the Treasury, a particular List, and Description, of said Notes and Securities, with the Circumstances attending them: That they cause Notification to be given, in the Newspapers, for the Space of Six Months, to all Persons claiming any of the said Notes, and Securities, to make Application for the same according to Law. That at the End of Six Months, from the first Notification, as aforesaid, the said Committee shall cause all such Notes and Securities, of the Description aforesaid, as may then remain in the Treasury, to be burnt and destroyed.

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to N. Bow-
ditch.* *UPON* the Petition of *Nathaniel Bowditch*, of *Glocester*, in the County of *Providence*, representing, that in the Year, 1792, he apprehended one *Isaac Cotterill*, for stealing a Horse, of which he was convicted, and praying that he may be allowed the Compensation prescribed by Law.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted; and that *Twenty Dollars* be allowed and paid to the said *Nathaniel Bowditch*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

UPON

UPON the Petition of the Members of the independent Company, in the County of Kent, called the *Kentish Guards*, representing that the Charter of the said Company having been revived, at the last *May* Session of this Assembly: That no Day, in the Vote for the Revival of the said Charter, was assigned for the Election of Officers, for the said Company, from the said last *May* Session, until the last *Wednesday* of *April* next, the Day assigned by the said Charter, for choosing the said Officers: And that the Members of the said Company having, since that Time, made Choice of *Micah Whitmarsh*, as Captain; *Earl Morey*, First Lieutenant; *Williams Greene Spencer*, Second Lieutenant, and *Jonathan Salisbury*, Ensign of the said Company, until the last *Wednesday* of *April* next: And praying that the Election of the Officers aforesaid, be rendered valid during the Term of Time, for which they were elected as aforesaid; and that they be commissioned accordingly, with the same Powers and Privileges, for the Benefit of the said Company, as though a particular Day for that Purpose had been, by said Vote, prescribed.

Petition of
the Kentish
Guards.

On due Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifty-four Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending said Court, during the Fall-Circuit; and for sundry other Services done out of Term-Time.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-Four Dollars* be allowed and paid to *George Brown*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services, as an Assistant Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in attending said Court during the Fall-Circuit.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to *Augustus Babcock*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Time, Horse-Hire, and Expences, in going to *Providence*, after Papers from the Secretary's Office, by Order of his Excellency the Governor.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Hundred and Ninety Dollars* and *Twenty-five Cents* be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward*, Esq. out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being

ing the Amount of his Account, for his Services, as Secretary of the State, from October last, to the present Time.

J. Helme's Account.

WHEREAS James Helme presented unto this Assembly an Account of certain Articles that were left in the Court-House, in South-Kingstown, and which were appropriated to his Use; in which Account, he makes himself Debtor to the State, in the Sum of *Ten Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents*.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said James Helme be, and he is hereby directed to pay the aforesaid Sum of *Ten Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents*, into the General-Treasury.

An ACT for THANKSGIVING.

Act for Thanksgiving.

IT being the Duty of all Men humbly to confess their Sins, and to return their sincere Thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD for his manifold Blessings; and it having pleased the Supreme Ruler of all Things signally to favour the *United States*, in preserving them from foreign Wars, and from intestine Commotions, in strengthening the Bonds of their Union, and promoting in various Ways their national Prosperity; and it having also in his Mercy pleased him to smile upon the Labours of this People, in giving them to reap in Abundance, the Harvest of his Bounty, and mercifully to stay the further Progress of malignant Deseases, which in the Dispensations of his Providence had been permitted in some Degree to prevail.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That Thursday the Thirtieth Day of November next be appointed a Day of public *Thanksgiving and Prayer*, throughout this State; and it is recommended to the Inhabitants thereof, to assemble themselves at their several Places of public Worship, and humbly to acknowledge the manifold and undeserved Blessings, which it has pleased GOD to bestow upon them, to return to him their fervent Thanks therefor, and humbly to pray for the Continuance of the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants to refrain on said Day from all servile Labour, and unbecoming Recreation: And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to issue his Proclamation accordingly.

An ACT laying a Fine upon Officers, or other Persons, for bringing into this State, from any neighbouring State, any Person who may be liable to become chargeable.

Act to prevent bringing Paupers into the State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That any Officer or other Person, from any

any neighbouring State, who, by Virtue of any Order of Removal, or in any other Manner, shall bring into this State any Person or Persons who may be liable to be chargeable to any Town therein, shall pay a Fine of *Two Hundred Dollars*, with Costs of Prosecution, to be recovered by Action of Debt, in the Name of the General-Treasurer of this State for the Time being, in any Court proper to try the same: And that the said Fine, when recovered, shall be placed in the General-Treasury, to and for the Use of the State.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall take Effect and be in Force immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.

IT is Ordered, That this Act be published in all the News-Papers in the State.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, which was to have been holden by Law, at *Newport*, within and for the County of *Newport*, on the Second Monday of November, A. D. 1797, be, and the same is hereby adjourned to the Fourth Monday in the same Month, and then to convene. That all Business before the said Court be then taken up, heard, and determined, in the same Manner, as might have been done at the said stated Term. That Declarations be filed Twelve Days before, and Answers, on or before the First Day of the said adjourned Term. That all Jurors, who were, by Notification, to appear at the said stated Term, appear at the said adjourned Term, to be holden on the said Fourth Monday of November: And that all Executions returnable at the said stated Term, be returned in the same Manner, and at the same Time, as if this Adjournment had not been ordered: Provided, That in all referred Cases, where by the Rule of Court, the Referrees were to have reported into the Clerk's Office, and Execution was to have issued as of the last Term; such Executions shall be returned to said adjourned Term.*

An ACT incorporating a Society, by the Name of *The Pawcatuck Library Company*.

WHEREAS *Rouse Babcock* and *Thomas Noyes*, Esquires, of *Westerly*, in the County of *Washington*, have represented unto this Assembly, that they and Sixteen others have associated themselves into a Company, in the said Town of *Westerly*, which they have denominated *The Pawcatuck Library Company*; and that they have subscribed a considerable Sum of Money for the Purpose of procuring a Library of useful Books: And whereas the said Company have made Application to this Assembly for a Charter of Incorporation; and this Assembly highly approving so laudable a Design, and willing to give it all the Assistance and Encouragement which it justly merits,

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DO Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That Rause Babcock, Thomas Noyes, Daniel Lee, Arnold Clarke, Paul Rhodes, Benjamin Clarke, Amos Cross, Joseph Potter, George Potter, Adam States, Samuel Palmer, Elnatban Wells, Joseph Stanton, jun. Joseph Hoxsie, jun. David Brown, Stephen Willcox, Sanford Noyes, and John Cross, jun. and all others, who shall be admitted by them Members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a Body, politic and corporate; to subsist at all Times, forever hereafter, in Deed and Name, by the Name of The Pawcatuck Library Company; and by that Name, shall and may have perpetual Succession, and be Persons, able and capable, in Law, to have, hold, receive, and enjoy, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Rents in Fee-Simple, or for Term of Life, Lives, Years, or otherwise, not exceeding the Value of Six Thousand Dollars: and also Goods, Chattles, and all other Things of what Nature, Kind, or Quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattels; and to do and execute all other Things about the same, by the Name aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That they, and their Successors, by the Name of The Pawcatuck Library Company, be, and forever hereafter shall be, a Company of Persons, able, capable, and liable, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in, all, or any of the Courts of Law, or otherwise before any of the Judges, Justices, or other Persons whomsoever, in all Manner of Actions, Complaints, or Pleas whatever: And it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, and their Successors, forever hereafter, to have One common Seal for their own Use; and the same, at their Will and Pleasure, to change and alter.

AND for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said Company, It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, and their Successors, to assemble and meet together, on the First Tuesday in March, in every Year; and at such other Times as they shall think convenient, at their Library, or other suitable Place, in the said Town of Westerly: Provided, That due Notice be given, at least Four Days before the Time of their Meeting, if the same be specially called, not only of the Day, Hour, and Place of such Meeting; but of the Cause thereof, and the Matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or Seven of the Proprietors being met in Person, shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to make, institute, and establish such Laws, Statutes, and Orders, as shall appear unto them, or the major Part of them present, to be useful and necessary for the Government, Regulation, and Direction of the Company, and of every Member thereof; and for the appointing, and regulating the Election and Nomination of Officers, for said Company; and for limiting, appointing,

pointing, and defining their Trust and Authority; and for the admitting of new Members; and to do all Things concerning the Government, Estate, Goods, and Revenues, and all other the Business and Affairs of the said Company: All which Laws, Statutes and Orders, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every Member, and be, from Time to Time, inviolably observed, according to the Tenor and Effect of them; provided, they be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

AND also, for the easier and better Government as aforesaid, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Company, at their said Meeting, on the First Monday in March, shall annually choose Three Directors, a Treasurer, and Librarian for the said Company.

UPON the Petition of *William Tyler, Esq. Levi Round, and Petition of Benjamin Seamans*, the Directors of a Lottery granted for building the Directors of Foster Meeting-House Lottery referred.

a Meeting-House in Foster, setting forth that there were Errors in drawing said Lottery, and praying that they may be authorised to draw it anew:—

IT is Voted and Resolved, That this Petition be received and continued to the next Session of this Assembly; that in the mean Time Notification be made, in one of the Providence Newspapers, in the *Newport Mercury*, and in the *Warren Newspaper*, to all Persons concerned therein to appear, and shew Cause, if any they may have, why the Prayer thereof should not be granted:

AND that until the Hearing of this Petition all Proceedings upon the Subject Matter thereof be stayed, and the Persons of said Directors be protected from Arrest and their Property from Attachment thereon.

An ACT establishing an independent Company in the County of Kent, by the Name of *The Kentish Light Infantry*.

WHEREAS the Preservation of this State, and of all well regulated Governments, depend, under GOD, upon the military Skill and Discipline of its Inhabitants: And whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Warwick, East-Greenwich, Coventry*, to wit: *Job Greene, Christopher Greene, Bowen Arnold, Frederick Arnold, William Carpenter, jun. Thomas Taylor, Samuel Greene (Son of Caleb) Alexander Havens, Stephen Tripp, Caleb Greene, jun. Wanton Arnold, Samuel Briggs, Augustus Arnold, William Havens, jun. Jabez Green, Lloyd Greene, Jacob Varnum Greene, George Matteson, Jeremiah Hathaway, Elisha Wightman, Thomas Eldrege, Caleb Brayton, Zebulon Hoxsie Greene, William Potter, Thomas Remington, Richard Remington, Edmund Arnold, James Remington, Dorrance Greene, Earl Baker, Samuel Greene, William Hammett,*

Charter to the *Kentish Light Infantry*.

Hammett, Thomas Greene, Daniel Remington, Elisha Warner, Otis Wolcott, Thomas Hathaway, Aaron Knight, Edward Holden, John Arnold, jun. William Arnold, Philip Arnold, James Arnold, John Allin, Henry Jerauld, Edmund Burke, and Peleg Wilbour, have petitioned this Assembly, for an Act of Incorporation, forming them, and such others as shall be joined unto them (not exceeding One Hundred Men, Rank and File) into a Company, by the Name of *The Kentish Light Infantry*.

WHEREFORE, this Assembly, to encourage a Design so laudable, have ordained, constituted and granted, and hereby do ordain, constitute, and appoint, That the said Petitioners, and such others, as shall be joined to them (not exceeding the Number of One Hundred Men, Rank and File) be, and they are hereby declared to be, an independent Company, by the Name of *The Kentish Light Infantry*; and by that Name, shall have perpetual Succession; and shall have and enjoy all the Rights, Powers, and Privileges, in this Grant hereafter mentioned.

Imprimis. IT is granted unto the said Company, that they, or the major Part of them, shall and may, once in every Year, *to wit*: on the last *Wednesday* of *April*, meet and assemble themselves together, in some convenient Place, by them appointed, then and there to choose their Officers, *to wit*: One Captain, Two Lieutenants, and One Ensign; and all other Officers, necessary for training, disciplining, and well ordering the said Company: At which Meeting, no Officer shall be chosen, but by the greater Number of Votes then pres^tnt; the Captain, Lieutenants, and Ensign, to be approved of by the Governor and Council, for the Time being; and shall be commissionated, and engaged, in the same Manner, as other military Officers in this State are.

Secondly. THAT the said Company shall have liberty to meet and exercise themselves, upon such other Days, and as often, as they shall think necessary; and not to be subject to the Orders and Directions of the Colonel, or other Field Officers, of the Regiment in whose District they live, in such Meeting and Exercising. And that they be obliged to meet, at least, Four Times in every Year, upon the Penalty of paying, to and for the Use of said Company, *to wit*: The Captain, for each Day's Neglect, *Ten Dollars*; the Lieutenants and Ensign, each *Three Dollars*; the Clerk, and other subaltern Officers, each *Two Dollars*; and each private Soldier, *One Dollar*; to be collected by Warrant of Distress, directed to the Clerk, from the Captain, or other Superior Officer.

Thirdly. THAT the said Company, or the greater Number of them, make all such Laws, Rules and Orders, among themselves, as they shall deem expedient, for the well ordering and disciplining the said Company; and lay any Penalty or Fine, for the Breach of such Rules, not exceeding *Two Dollars*, for One Offence, to be collected as aforesaid.

Fourthly.

Fourthly. THAT all those who shall be duly inlisted in the said Company, so long as they shall continue therein, shall be exempted from bearing Arms, or doing other military Duty (Watching and Warding excepted) in the several Companies or Train-Bands, in whose District they respectively live, excepting such as shall be Officers in any of the said Companies, or Train-Bands.

Fifthly. THAT if any Officer, or Officers, of the said Company, shall be disapproved of by the Governor and Council, or shall remove out of the said County of Kent, or shall be taken away by Death; that then, and in such Cases, the Captain of the said Company, or superior Officer, for the Time being, shall call a Meeting for the Election of another, or others, in his or their Stead, who shall be so removed.

Sixthly. FOR the further Encouragement of the said Company, *It is granted,* That the Captain of the said Company shall be of the Rank of Colonel; that the First Lieutenant be of the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel; that the Second Lieutenant be of the Rank of Major; and that the Ensign be of the Rank of Captain: That the said Officers shall be of the Court Martial, and Council of War, in the Regiment, in whose District they live: That upon all general Reviews, and General Musters, the said Company shall Rank the Fifth independent Company, for the County of Kent: And that in Time of Alarm, the said Company shall be under the immediate Direction of the Commander in Chief of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary of the State be, and he is hereby directed to make a fair Copy of this Charter, affix the Seal of the State thereto, and transmit the same to the said Company.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, at the Request of the said Company, That the following Officers, be, and they are hereby appointed to command the same, *to wit:* *Job Greene, Captain; John Arnold, jun. First Lieutenant; Thomas Taylor, Second Lieutenant; Christopher Greene (Son of Christopher) Ensign.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. *John L. Boss*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for his Services, in burning Paper Money in the Grand-Committee's Office, and in settling the Accounts of the General-Treasurer.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Dollars be allowed and paid to *Archibald Crary, Esq.* out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services in burning Paper Money, in the Grand-Committee's Office, and in settling the Accounts of the General-Treasurer.

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ed G. Cham-
lin.* *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Dollars be allowed and paid to George Champlin, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services in burning Paper Money, in the Grand Committee's Office, and in settling the Accounts of the General-Treasurer.*

An ACT authorizing the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. to convene a Special Grand-Jury, to attend said Court, at the next adjourned Term thereof, for the County of Providence.

*At appoint-
ing a Spe-
cial Grand-
Jury, for the
County of
Providence.* **W**HEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that the Grand-Jury, which attended by Law, at the *September Term* of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, in and for the County of *Providence*, A. D. 1797, were, at said Term, dismissed ; and as said Court stands adjourned, for said County, on the First Monday, in *December* next : And it is further represented unto this Assembly, that since the said Adjournment, Offences are said to have been committed against the Peace of the State, which renders it necessary that a Grand-Jury be again convened.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, it is hereby Enacted, That the said Court, at the said Adjournment, be, and the same is hereby authorized to issue a Writ, for summoning a Special Grand-Jury, for the Purpose of considering such Business as may be laid before them : And that the Decisions of the said Jury be of the same Validity, as if had by a Grand-Jury attending said Court, under the usual Provisions of the Law.

An ACT to incorporate certain Persons by the Name of *The Federal Adelphi*.

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elphi.* **W**HEREAS David Howell, Abraham L. Clark, Stephen Garo, Benjamin West, Elisha Fisk, Benjamin Allen, William Bowen, Pardon Bowen, James Burrill, jun. Samuel Eddy, William Wilkinson, George Tillinghast, Amos Maine Atwell, Jeremias B. Howell, Tristam Burges, Philip Crapo, John Milten Mann, Obadiah Brown, Samuel W. Bridgman, Comfort A. Carpenter, Nathan Whiting, Paul Allen, jun. Nathaniel Searle, Samuel G. Arnold, Philip Hayward, Andrew Dexter, jun. Conrade Webb, Nathaniel Bullock, Lucius Cary, Joseph B. Cook, Samuel Ervin, John M. Roberts, Washington Habaway, Otis Thompson, James Tallmage, William Peter Maxwell, John Witherspoon, James Ervin, Paul Dodge, John Sabin, Horatio Everit, William Hunter, John Hagedorn, Elisha R. Potter After Robbins,

Robbins, Ray Greene, Benjamin Hazard, William Merchant, William V. King, Daniel Lyman, and Thomas C. Hazard, have petitioned the General Assembly for an Act of Incorporation, for the Purposes herein after mentioned.

*BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the aforesaid Persons, together with such others as they shall hereafter associate with them, and their Successors, be, and they are hereby instituted, ordained, and created, a Body corporate and politic, by the Name of *The Federal Adelphi*; for the Purpose of Improvement in the Arts and Sciences; and by the Name aforesaid, shall have perpetual Continuance and Succession; and by the same Name are hereby made able and capable in Law, as a Body corporate, to have, hold, and enjoy, Goods, Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to the Amount of *Ten Thousand Dollars*, and the same at all Times to dispose of: To have a common Seal, and the same at Pleasure to change or destroy; to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to defend and be defended against, in all Courts of Justice, and before all proper Judges whatsoever; and to do, act, and transact, all Matters and Things of every Name and Nature, proper for Bodies corporate to do, act, and transact. And to enact, establish, and put into Execution, such Rules, Regulations and By-Laws, touching said Corporation; as shall be deemed necessary and expedient, and to annex to the Neglect and Breach thereof, Fines, not exceeding *Three Dollars* for any One Neglect or Breach of any one Rule, Regulation, or By-Law; and Penalties not extending beyond Censure, Suspension or Expulsion: Provided, That said Rules, Regulations, and By Laws, shall not be repugnant to the Laws of the State, or of the United States.*

*BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That the said Corporation be authorized and empowered to appoint and hold public and private Meetings, at such Time, or Times, as shall be thought proper; and that all such Meetings, both public and private, shall be holden in some Apartment within the Edifice of *Rhode-Island College*. Provided nevertheless, That the Meetings of the said Corporation for public Disputations, and for the Delivery of the anniversary Orations, may be holden at any other Place, in the Town of *Providence*, Two-Thirds of the Members present assenting thereto, and not otherwise: Provided also, That all the Meetings, both private and public, of said Corporation, may be holden in some other Place in the said Town of *Providence*, all the Members assenting thereto, and not otherwise.*

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That the said Corporation, at any of their legal Meetings, be authorized and empowered, to elect, appoint, and qualify such Officer, or Officers, as shall be deemed necessary for conducting and transacting the Business of the said Corporation

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Corporation ; and to invest the same with Power, sufficient to perform the Duties and Functions of his, or their Office, or Offices, respectively : And that such Officer, or Officers, shall be appointed for such Time, as the By-Laws of said Corporation shall prescribe.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That the Library now belonging, or which hereafter may belong to the said Corporation, shall be deposited and forever kept, in some Apartment within the said College Edifice.

PROVIDED nevertheless, That if the Corporation of the said College will not permit the said Library to be deposited and forever kept in some Apartment within the said College, it shall be in the Power of the Corporation hereby created, the same to remove to any other Place, within the said Town of Providence. And provided also, That the said Library may be removed and kept in any other Part of the said Town, every Member of the Corporation hereby created assenting thereto, and not otherwise.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That the said Corporation hereby created, have full Power and Authority to assess Money upon the respective Members of the said Corporation, and the same to appropriate to the Use of the said Corporation.

PROVIDED nevertheless, That the Money so assessed upon any one Member, shall not, in one Year, exceed the Sum of Three Dollars : And provided also, That no compulsory Process be used for the Collection of the Money which shall be so assessed.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That a legal Meeting of the said Corporation shall be holden within Six Months from the Time of granting this Charter, or the same shall be null and void ;—and that the First Meeting of the said Corporation shall be announced, by Notification, signed by not less than Three Members, and published in One of the Providence Newspapers, at least Fourteen Days before such Meeting shall be appointed to be holden :—And that not less than Seven Members shall, at any Time, constitute a legal Meeting.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That the said Corporation have full Power and Authority to remove from Office, any or all of said Officers, and to expel any Member of the said Corporation, for such Offences and Misdemeanors ; as the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation shall prescribe.

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That whenever the said Corporation shall consist of less than Seven Members, the same shall become ipso

ipso facto, utterly disfranchised, dissolved and void: And that upon the Dissolution thereof, for the Cause aforesaid, the Property thereto belonging shall forthwith belong to, and become vested in the Corporation of *Rhode-Island College*.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and by the same Authority it is hereby Enacted, That no Person shall be admitted a Member of the said Corporation, unless he shall have received a Degree from some College, or University, or shall belong to some One of the learned Professions, or shall be a Member of the Senior or Junior Class of *Rhode-Island College*.

An ACT incorporating a Society, by the Name
of *The Cranston Library Society*.

WHEREAS *Richard Knight*, of *Cranston*, in the County of *Providence*, hath represented unto this Assembly, that him-
self and Twenty others, have associated themselves into a Society, in the said Town of *Cranston*, which they have denominated *The Cranston Library Society*; and that they have subscribed a consider-
able Sum of Money for the Purpose of procuring a Library of use-
ful Books: And whereas the said Society having made Application to this Assembly for a Charter of Incorporation; and this Assembly highly approving so laudable a Design, and willing to give it all the Assistance and Encouragement which it justly merits.

DO Enact, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That *Richard Knight, Amaziah Young, James Hills, Peleg Fisk, Peleg Fisk, jun. Sheldon Fisk, Jonathan Knight, Christopher Knight, Richard Knight, jun. Richard Knight (the Third), Thomas Field, Cyrus Burlingame, Daniel Fisk, Caleb Burlingame, David Nichols, Henry Wightman, Phinias Babcock, Andrew Knight, jun. Zuriel Water- man, jun. and Reuben Knight, and all others, who shall be admitted by them Members of their Society, be, and they are hereby consti- tuted, erected, and made a Body, politic and corporate; subsisting at all Times, forever hereafter, in Deed and in Name, by the Name, of *The Cranston Library Society*; and by that Name, shall and may have perpetual Succession, and be Persons, able and capable, in Law, to have, hold, receive, and enjoy, Lands, Tenements, Heredi- taments, and Rents in Fee-Simple, or for Term of Life, Lives, Years, or otherwise, not exceeding the Value of Six Thousand Dol- lars: and also Goods, Chattels, and all other Things of what Na- ture, Kind, or Quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same; and to do and execute all other Things concerning the same, by the Name aforesaid.*

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That they, and their Successors, by the Name aforesaid, be, and forever here- after shall be, a Society of Persons able, capable, and liable, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answer- ed

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ed unto, to defend and be defended against, in all, or any of the Courts of Law, or otherwise before any of the Judges, Justices, or other Persons whomsoever, in all Manner of Actions, Complaints, or Pleas whatsoever: And it shall be lawful to and for the said Society, and their Successors, forever hereafter, to have One common Seal for their Use; and the same, at their Will and Pleasure, to change and alter.

AND for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said Society, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Society, and their Successors, to assemble and meet together, on the Third Saturday in November, in each Year; and at such other Times as they shall think convenient, at their Library, or other suitable Place, in the said Town of Cranston: *Provided*, That due Notice be given, at least Four Days before the Time of their Meeting, if the same be specially called, not only of the Day, Hour, and Place of such Meeting; but also of the Cause thereof, and the Matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Society, or the One-Third, Part of them, at least, being met in Person, or by Proxy, duly constituted in Writing, shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, to make, institute, and establish such Laws, Statutes, and Orders, as shall appear unto them, or the Majority of them present, to be useful or necessary for the Government, of the said Society, and of every Member thereof; and for appointing, and regulating the Election and Nomination of Officers, for the said Society; and limiting, appointing, and defining their Trust and Authority; and for admitting new Members; and to do all Things concerning the Government, Estates, Goods, and Revenues, and all other the Business and Affairs of the said Society: All which Statutes and Orders, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every Member, and be, from Time to Time, inviolably observed, according to the Tenor and Effect of them; provided, they be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

AND for the easier and better Government of the said Society, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Society, at their said Meeting, on the said Third Saturday in November, shall annually choose their Directors, a Treasurer, and a Librarian for the said Society.

32 D. 30 C. *allowed S.* *Wells.* UPON the Report of a Committee, appointed by the House of Representatives, to examine the Account of *Samuel Wells*, formerly a Deputy Sheriff, in the County of *Washington*, charged by him against the State, for his Trouble, Time and Expences, and for employing Aid, in apprehending and committing to Goal, in the Year 1791, one *Rof Coon*; which said Committee reported that there is due to the said *Samuel Wells*, the Sum of *Thirty-two Dollars and Thirty Cents*.

WHEREFORE, *It is Voted and Resolved by this Assembly*, That the said Sum of *Thirty-Two Dollars and Thirty Cents*, be allowed and

and paid to the said *Samuel Wells*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established rate of Exchange.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Benoni Colvin* be appointed Sec- Officers for
ond Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Scituate ap-*
Providence, in the Room of *Gideon Harris*, deceased : And, that ^{pointed.} *Scituate ap-*
the following Persons be appointed to the Offices affixed to their
Names respectively, *to wit* :

Ezra Knight, Captain, } of the First Company of Militia
David Relpb, Lieutenant, } in the Town of *Scituate*.
William Randall, Ensign,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Wells* be appointed a Officer for
Justice of the Peace, for the Town of *Westerly*, in Addition. *Westerly ap-*
pointed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Dollar be allowed and paid ^{to D. allow-} to *Augustus Babcock*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in ^{ed A. Bab-} the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of ^{cock.}
Exchange ; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Trouble,
Horse Hire and Expences, in forwarding a Letter to the Sheriff of
the County of *Newport*, by Order of his Excellency the Governor.

THE following Report was presented unto this Assembly, by the Report of
Committee, appointed to consider the Petition of *Sands Perkins*, of ^{the Com. on} *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *Washington* ; representing, that ^{Sands Per-}
in the Year 1776, he enlisted as a Volunteer in the ^{kins' Peti-} independent ^{tion.}
Company in said Town, named *The Kingstown Reds*, in which
Company, he sustained, at different Times, several Offices, until
the Year 1794, when certain Scruples arose, in the Religious So-
ciety, of which he was a Member, in Respect to the Propriety of
his doing said military Duty : That he, after complying with the
Wishes of the said Society, in regard to his relinquishing said Du-
ties, he has been warned to train in the Regimental and Company
Parades of the Militia ; but supposing that he was, by Law, ex-
empted from said Duties, did not attend ; whereupon he has been
subjected to pay several Fines. Wherefore, the Petitioner prayed
that this Assembly may determine whether, by the existing Laws of
this State, he is exempted from military Duty or not.

The Report of the said Committee.

South-Kingstown, Oct. 28, 1797.

YOUR Committee, on the foregoing Petition, beg Leave to re-
port ; that, in their Opinion, the Commanding Officer of the
Company, in which the said *Sands Perkins* was enrolled, was war-
ranted by the Law, in imposing upon, and collecting from him the
Fines mentioned in the said Petition. And that the said *Sands*
Perkins, by a Law of *February A. D. 1796*, was liable to be en-
rolled in the Company of Infantry, in the District in which he re-
sided

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sided.—In Order, however, to prevent Difficulties of the like Kind, and to reconcile the contradictory Interpretations of the Law, we recommend that the last Paragraph of the Act of *February*, A. D. 1796, be amended, so as not to subject those who were excused by their Commissions, at the Time that Act was passed, to do military Duty.

On due Consideration whereof

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the foregoing Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

An ACT, in Amendment of the Act, entitled
“An Act, in Addition to an Amendment of
the Act, entitled, An Act to organize the
Militia of this State.”

Amendment of the Militia Act. BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-of it is hereby Enacted, That all Persons who previous to the last Day of *February*, A. D. 1796, have sustained Commissions in the Militia, or in any Independent Companies, shall be exempted from doing Military Duty, in the Infantry.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall hereafter be exempted from doing Military Duty, in the Infantry, in Virtue of having sustained a Commission in the Militia, or in any independent Company, subsequent to the said last Day of *February*, A. D. 1796, unless he shall have sustained such Commission, or some other Military Commission or Commissions, for the Space of Five Years.

1000 D. granted to the Gaol. in Providence. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee, for laying the Foundation of the Gaol, in *Providence*, with Mr. *John Smith*, have an Order on the General Treasurer, for the further Sum of *One Thousand Dollars*, upon Account of laying the Foundation of the said Gaol; and that the said *John Smith* lay his Account before this Assembly, at the Session next to be holden at *Bristol*.

1 D. allowed R. Stanton. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Dollar* be allowed and paid to *Robert Stanton*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Compensation for his Services, as a Constable in committing *Mary Jones*, and *Rebecca Jones*, to Gaol, in *December*, A. D. 1796.

8 D. 67 C. allowed S. Wells. UPON the Account of *Samuel Wells*, formerly a Deputy Sheriff in the County of *Washington*, for his services, in serving an Execution granted by the Superior Court, at the *April Term* thereof, for said County of *Washington*, A. D. 1797, against the Estate of *Caleb*

Caleb Church, in which he charged against the State, the Sum of *Four Pounds Three Shillings and Four Pence*, the following Report was made, to wit:

IN Obedience to our Appointment, we have examined the Account of *Samuel Wells*; and in our Opinion, he ought to be allowed *Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, in full for his said Account; equal to *Eight Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents*. Which is submitted by

THOMAS HOLDEN, }
ROWLAND BROWN, } Committee.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Sum of *Eight Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents*, be allowed and paid to the said *Samuel Wells*, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bill of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Compensation for his said Services.

THE following Account, against the State, was presented unto *Account of this Assembly*, by the Persons hereafter named, for their Trouble, *J. Waite, and others.* Time, and Expences, in apprehending, trying, and committing *Mary Jones and Rebecca Jones*, in December, A. D. 1796; and the following Sums were allowed and placed against their respective Names, to wit:

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To <i>John Waite</i> , as a Justice of the Peace,	75
<i>Samuel Helme</i> , as ditto,	75
<i>Robert Stanton</i> , as Constable,	3
<i>Robert Stanton</i> , as a Witness,	50
<i>Samuel Stanton</i> , as Aid to the Constable,	3
<i>James Allen</i> , as ditto,	66
<i>Polly Stanton</i> , as a Witness,	33
<i>Sally Stanton</i> , as ditto,	33
<i>Esther Potter</i> , as ditto,	50
<i>Amy Champlin</i> , as ditto,	50
<i>Philip Rodman</i> , as ditto,	33
<i>Paris Gardner</i> , for Prisoners Dinners,	33

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the several Sums be allowed and paid to the Persons above named, against whose Names they respectively stand, out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

An ACT for furnishing the Quota of this State of the Detachment of Militia, ordered by Congress.

WHEREAS the Congress of the *United States* did, on the Twenty-fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord, A& for furn-
ishing this
State's Quo-
ta of Militia.

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One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven, pass an Act directing a Detachment from the Militia of the *United States*, and therein assign *One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-six Men*, Officers included, as the Quota of this State.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That his Excellency the Commander in Chief require of the proper Officers to enroll and make out authentic Returns of the Militia of this State in their several Departments, and of their Arms and Accoutrements, within Thirty Days after the Rising of this Assembly: That he also require a like Return from the Commanding Officers of the several Chartered Companies: And that thereupon he apportion the said Number of *One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-six Men*, Officers included, to the said Militia and Chartered Companies, agreeably to the Numbers returned.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That those detached from the Militia be formed by the Commander in Chief into Two Regiments, each of them to be commanded by a Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant, and Two Majors, with a due Proportion of Captains, and subaltern Officers: That those detached from the Chartered Companies be formed by him into one or more Companies, as he shall think best: That the Commander in Chief, and the Major-General of the Militia of the State select from the present Field-Officers of the Militia, and appoint the Field-Officers for the said Two Regiments: That the Brigadier-Generals select from the Line of their respective Brigades, and appoint the Captains and subaltern Officers assigned to their several Brigades, and make Return thereof to the Commander in Chief as soon as may be: And that the Commander in Chief select from the present Officers of the said Chartered Companies and appoint the proper Officers to command the Company or Companies that shall be formed as aforesaid.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Major-General shall cause the respective Regiments to be mustered by Companies on the Seventh Day of December, next; that the Captains of the respective Companies make known the Purpose for which they are mustered, and the Number of Men to be furnished by each Company, agreeably to the Apportionment aforesaid: That the Commanding Officers of the several chartered Companies muster their respective Companies on the same Day, and make known to them respectively the Purpose for which they are mustered, and the Number of Men assigned to each Company by the said Apportionment: That the said Commanding Officers of the Militia and Chartered Companies shall also make known to them the Conditions upon which they may enlist into this State's aforesaid Quota, and shall offer to their respective Companies enlisting Rolls agreeably thereto; and shall make exact Returns of the Number of Men who shall enlist to the Colonels of the Regiments to which said Companies

Companies appertain; who shall make Return thereof to his Excellency the Governor on or before the Tenth Day of January next; and that the Commanders of Chartered Companies make Returns on or before the same Day to the Commander in Chief.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of the Major-General and Brigadier-Generals, the Field-Officers of every Regiment, the Commanding Officers of the Chartered Companies, and all other Militia Officers in the State to make every Exertion in their Power, and take the most effectual Measures to have the aforesaid Number of Men inlisted and equipped agreeably to Law: And that the Officers appointed to command this State's said Quota shall attend at the Muster of their respective Regiments and Chartered Companies with inlisting Rolls, in order to enlist the Men.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case the said Detachment of Militia of this State shall be called into actual Service, the Commander in Chief be, and he is hereby empowered to appoint the necessary Staff-Officers.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary transmit to the Major-General, the Brigadier-Generals, to the Adjutant-General, to the Lieutenant-Colonels Commandants of the several Regiments, and to the Commanding Officers of the several Chartered Companies printed Copies of this Act, of the Conditions of Inlisting and the Allowance to the Officers and Men, and of the Term of the inlisting Rolls, as the same shall be directed by the Commander in Chief: And that the Adjutant-General furnish blank Returns to the Officers whose Duty it is, by this Act, to make Returns.

An ACT for granting and apportioning a Tax of Twenty Thousand Dollars, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority there-
of it is hereby Enacted, That a Tax for raising the Sum of 20,000 D.
Twenty Thousand Dollars, be assessed upon the Ratable Estates and
Polls of the Inhabitants of this State, to be collected and paid into
the General-Treasury of this State, on or before the Twenty-fifth
Day of March next: And that the same be apportioned to and
for such Uses as the General Assembly shall or may hereafter direct.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be Fifty Cents; and that all Male Persons of the Age of Twenty-one Years, and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Tax shall be assessed upon the several Towns, in this State, and apportioned

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tioned upon the same, agreeably to the Estimate of Taxable Property, as assessed at the Session of the General Assembly held at Newport in June, A. D. 1796, in the following Proportions, *to wit*:

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<i>Newport shall pay,</i>	1870 94 5	
<i>Portsmouth,</i>	580 64 6	
<i>New-Shoreham,</i>	167 74 2	
<i>Jamestown,</i>	289 65 5	
<i>Middletown,</i>	418 6 4	
<i>Tiverton,</i>	670 96 7	
<i>Little-Compton,</i>	419 35 5	
	<hr/>	4417 37 2
<i>Providence,</i>	3806 41 9	
<i>Smithfield,</i>	978 73 9	
<i>Scituate,</i>	618 76 5	
<i>Gloucester,</i>	931 17 0	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	451 61 3	
<i>Cranston,</i>	632 25 8	
<i>Johnston,</i>	425 80 6	
<i>North-Providence,</i>	490 32 2	
<i>Foster,</i>	412 96 0	
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<i>Westerly,</i>	477 41 9	
<i>North-Kingstown,</i>	632 25 8	
<i>South Kingstown,</i>	929 5 4	
<i>Charlestown,</i>	361 29 0	
<i>Exeter,</i>	464 51 6	
<i>Richmond,</i>	270 96 7	
<i>Hopkinton,</i>	451 61 3	
	<hr/>	3587 11 7
<i>Bristol,</i>	774 18 0	
<i>Warren,</i>	402 31 3	
<i>Barrington,</i>	141 93 5	
	<hr/>	1318 42 8
<i>Warwick,</i>	780 64 5	
<i>East-Greenwich,</i>	361 29 0	
<i>West-Greenwich,</i>	361 29 0	
<i>Coventry,</i>	425 80 6	
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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient, until the same be paid: That the Towns which shall be delinquent shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer: That the Collectors of the Taxes in the several Towns, be, and they are hereby empowered and directed to collect the Interest, with the Principal,

cial, from the delinquent Individuals after the aforesaid Time : And that in Case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer, against the Treasurer of any delinquent Town, the Collectors be, and they are hereby directed and empowered to collect from the Individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expences, which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Ratemakers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true Bill or List of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they shall respectively belong, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of December next, who is hereby required to send a Copy thereof within Six Days from his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer: That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed and required, to issue his Warrant, within Four Days, to the several Town-Treasurers, to be by them directed to the several Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect and pay unto the General-Treasurer, for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect : And that the several Collectors of Taxes be, and they are hereby directed and required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.

AND be it further Enacted, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees, that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting its Part of the aforesaid Tax : And that upon the Neglect or Refusal of any Town in this State to assess, levy, collect and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for its Proportion, or Deficiency of the said Tax ; which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town-Treasurer, in each respective Town, in this State, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute, the Bond or Security that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the said Tax, to a Special Court of Common Pleas, in the County where such Security, or Bond, shall be so taken ; which Special Court of Common Pleas shall be convened in the usual Manner, have the same Power that Special Courts have heretofore had in this State, and take the same Fees. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Town-Clerks in the several Towns, in this State, be, and they are hereby required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers, and Collectors of Taxes, of

their respective Towns, to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-Bill.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Assessors be, and they are hereby empowered to consider the Circumstances of the Poor, in their respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax as they shall think unable to pay the same.

AND be it further Enacted, That the several Towns be, and they are hereby empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said Tax be received by the Collectors, and paid into the General-Treasury, in Silver or Gold, in the Notes of the Providence or *Rhode-Island* Banks, in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, in May, A. D. 1786, at the established Rate of Exchange, in Orders drawn on the General-Treasury, and in the Certificates newly issued by the General-Treasurer, for the Two Years Interest upon this State's Debt.

Officers
chosen.

BOTH Houses being resolved into a Grand Committee, proceeded to the Choice of the following Officers, *to wit*:

Ray Greene, Esq. Senator from this State, to the Congress of the *United States*, in the Room of *William Bradford*, Esq. who hath resigned.

James Burrill, jun. Esq. Attorney-General of this State, in the Room of *Ray Greene*, Esq. who hath resigned.

MILITARY OFFICERS.

Lodowick Coon, Lieutenant, } Of the Fourth Company of Infantry,
Joseph Taylor, (2d) Ensign, } in the Town of *South-Kingstown*.

Oibniel Wightman, Captain, } Of the Senior Class Company in
George Greene, Lieutenant, } the Towns of *Warwick* and *East-Greenwich*.

Benjamin Wilbur, Captain, } Of the Second Company of Infantry in the Town of *Richmond*.
Ezekiel Johnson, Lieutenant, }
Joseph Maxson, Ensign,

4 D. 75 C.
allowed D.
Douglass.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars and Seventy-five Cents be allowed and paid to Mr. *David Douglass*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon the Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter; and for providing Candles, &c.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid 6 D. allowed to Mr. Ebenezer Teft, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or ^{ed E. Teft.} in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter; and for sweeping the Court-House, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Dollars be allowed and ^{4 D. allowed} paid to Mr. James Teft, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, ^{J. Teft.} or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending upon the Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid ^{6 D. allowed} to Mr. Caleb N. Gardner, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, ^{C. N. Gard.} or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established ^{nr.} Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Wood, by him provided, for the Use of the General Assembly, and the Courts, in the County of Washington.

*IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Dollars and Thirty-five ^{8 D. 35 C.} Cents be allowed and paid to Samuel E. Gardiner, Esq. out of the ^{allowed S.E. Gardiner.} General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services, as Secretary, *pro Tempore*, at the present Session, and for furnishing Paper, &c.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Proceedings be stayed on all Petitions pending before this Assembly, wherein the Staying of Proceedings is prayed for: That all Petitioners who stand committed to Gaol, or who are liable to be committed, upon civil Process, be liberated until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session; provided, they give Bond to the Satisfaction of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, where they have been, or may be, committed; that they will return to Gaol, if the Prayer of their respective Petitions shall not be granted. *At respecting Petitions.*

*AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That no Petitions to which there are adverse Parties, be heard, at the Session of this Assembly, to be holden at Bristol, on the Second Monday, in December next: That no Costs, for that Session, be taxed on such Petitions, by either of the Parties: And that a Copy of this Resolve be published in the *Newport Mercury*, and in One of the *Providence* Newspapers.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the A&ts and Orders, now made and passed, and transmit them to the several Town-Clerks, in *Adjourn.*

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in the State, in the usual Manner: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the Second *Monday* in *December* next, then to convene at the State-House, in *Bristol*.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Ames Hopkins, Secretary

WARREN (RHODE-ISLAND):
PRINTED BY NATHANIEL PHILLIPS, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Bristol*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* in *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Twenty-second Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T

HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONORABLE

SAMUEL J. POTTER, *Efq.* Deputy-Governor.

THOMAS G. HAZARD, *Efq.*
NOAH MATHEWSON, *Efq.*
JONATHAN COMSTOCK, *Efq.*
JOHN SMITH, *Efq.*
JOHN COOKE, *Efq.*
JAMES CONGDON, *Efq.*
THOMAS HOXSIE, *Efq.*
PELEG CLARKE, *Efq.*
JOB WATSON, *Efq.*
JOHN HARRIS, *Efq.*

} ASSISTANTS.

Mr. AMOS HOPKINS, SECRETARY *pro Tempore.*

REPRESENTATIVES

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REPRESENTATIVES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable GEORGE CHAMPLIN, *Esq.* Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. John L. Boss,
Archibald Crary, Esq.
Mr. Robert Lawton, jun.
Mr. Samuel Carr,
Walter Channing, Esq.

PROVIDENCE :

Welcome Arnold, Esq.
John Smith, Esq.
Mr. Thomas P. Ives,
William Rhodes, Esq.

PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Richard Shearman,
Mr. Thomas Potter,
Mr. Peleg Ahmy.

WARWICK :

Anthony Holden, Esq.
Thomas Holden, Esq.
Mr. Job Greene,
James Rhodes, Esq.

WESTERLY :

Thomas Noyes, Esq.
Rowse Babcock, Esq.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

John Sands, Esq.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

George Thomas, Esq.
Mr. Beriah Waite.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowland Brown, Esq.
Thomas C. Hazard, Esq.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. William G. Spencer,
Richard Mathewson, Esq.

JAMESTOWN :

None.

SMITHFIELD :

Job Aldrich, Esq.
Mr. Joshua Jenckes.

SCITUATE :

James Aldrich, Esq.

GLOCESTER :

None.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq.
Gideon Hoxsie, Esq.

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Caleb Howard,
George Potter, Esq.

COVENTRY :

Joseph Rice, Esq.
Nathan Bowen, Esq.

EXETER :

Mr. James Clarke,
Lillibridge Barber, Esq.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Benjamin Gardiner,
Mr. James Potter.

BRISTOL :

Samuel Wardwell, Esq.
Mr. James D'Wolfe.

TIVERTON :

Christopher Manchester, Esq.
Joseph Durfee, Esq.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

John Davis, Esq.
Mr. Isaac Bailey.

WARREN :

Ichabod Cole, Esq.
Mr. John T. Child.

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. David Sayles,
Mr. John Walcott.

RICHMOND :

Thomas James, Esq.
James Sheldon, Esq.

CRANSTON :

John R. Arnold, Esq.
Caleb Williams, Esq.

HOPKINTON :

Mr. James Wells, jun.
Mr. Hezekiah Babcock, jun.

JOHNSTON :

Edward Manton, Esq.
Mr. William Waterman.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezekiel Whipple, Esq.
Stephen Jenckes, jun. Esq.

BARRINGTON :

Thomas Allen, Esq.
Mr. Jeremiah Bowen.

FOSTER :

Simeon Seamans, Esq.
Mr. Stephen Davis.

WILLIAM MARCHANT, *Esq.* Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

AGREEABLY to our Appointment by the Honorable General Assembly, we have received of *Joseph Fenner*, Esq. former Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of *Providence*, all the Books and Papers that belong to said Office; and have delivered them to *Paul Allen*, jun. Esq. and have taken his Receipt for them, and lodged it in the Secretary's Office.

Report of the Committee for transferring Records, Superior Court, Providence.

WELCOME ARNOLD,
JOHN SMITH.

Providence, July 10th, 1797.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Forty-three Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. *Joseph Larkin*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange: it being the Amount of his Account, for serving as a Sentinel at *Field's-Point*, by order of his Excellency the Governor, to prevent the Introduction of contagious Diseases.

43 D. allowed
J. Larkin.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seventy-five Dollars be allowed and paid to Colonel *John Whipple*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Powder furnished the Artillery Company, in *Providence*, by Order of this Assembly.

75 D. allowed
J. Whipple.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

Report of the Com. relative to State Notes, &c. in the Gen. Treasury.

THE Undersigned, appointed "a Committee to examine the State Notes, and Securities lodged in the General-Treasury in Payment of Taxes, and the State Notes and Securities paid off in the late Paper Money, and lodged by the Holders in the General Treasury;" beg Leave to report, That in Conformity to the aforesaid Act, they have made out, and deposited in the General Treasury, a particular List and Description of said Notes, and Securities, with the Circumstances attending them; and that there are Ninety Notes for Paper Money lodged, amounting to *Seven Hundred Forty-six Pounds Five Shillings and Eleven Pence Half-penny*, Principal; and Ninety Three Notes received in Taxes, amounting to *Four Hundred Fifty-five Pounds Three Shillings and Eight Pence One Farthing*, Principal.

THAT in Conformity to said Act, they have caused Notice to be given in the Newspapers, to all Persons claiming any of the Notes and Securities, described in the aforesaid Act, to make Application

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Application to the General-Treasurer for the same, according to Law, within Six Months from the Twenty-eighth Day of November, A. D. 1797.

JOHN L. BOSS,
A. CRARY,
W. CHANNING.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That said Report be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Report of the
Com. for
burning State
Notes, &c.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

THE Undersigned, appointed "a Committee to burn the old State Notes and Certificates, for which new ones have been issued, and also those received from *Jabez Bowen*, and cancelled, when the Debt was transferred to the Creditors," beg Leave to report, That they have examined and burnt the State Notes, Certificates, and all other Species of the Paper of the State's Debt, which was received into the General-Treasurer's Office, in Virtue of an Act, entitled "An Act making Provision for the Transfer of the Stock of the *United States*, belonging to this State, to the Individual Creditors thereof," and which constituted the Debt transferred to the Creditors thereof, in the Loan-Office of the *United States*, in this State; as described in Five Hundred and Forty-four Abstracts, in the General-Treasurer's Office, amounting, as per Invoice, to *Five Hundred and Three Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-four Dollars and Seventy-six Cents*.

THAT there being but a small Proportion of the remaining State Notes and Certificates, exhibited to the General-Treasurer's Office, for new Notes; your Committee were of Opinion, it was most advisable, to defer examining and burning them, until they were more generally presented. All which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN L. BOSS,
A. CRARY,
W. CHANNING

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That said Report be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Report of the
Com. who laid
out the Road
thru A. Water-
man's Land.

THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee, by the Honorable General Assembly, at their Session held in June last, to lay out a Road through the Lands of *Andrew Waterman*, and to determine the Course and Width thereof, do report, That agreeably to our Appointment, we began at the North-East Corner of *Benjamin Medbury's*

Medbury's Shoemakers' Shop, upon the great Country Road in Gloucester, at A, on the Plat drawn by Caleb Harris, Esq. the Surveyor, and herewith presented; thence S. 49. D. E. 28 Rods, to a Stake and Stones, at B; thence S. 44 D. E. 34 Rods, to a Heap of Stones, at C; thence S. 40 D. E. 14 Rods and 4 Links, to a Heap of Stones, at D; thence S. 34 D. E. 10 Rods, to a Stake and Stones, in Smithfield Line, at E; thence S. 11 D. E. 16 Rods, to a White-Oak Tree, marked at F; thence S. 40 D. E. 8 Rods and 15 Links, at G; thence S. 55 D. E. 40 Rods to a White-Birch, at H; thence S. 57 D. E. 30 Rods, to a Stake and Stones, at I; thence S. 60 D. E. 22 Rods, to a Heap of Stones, at J; thence S. 54 D. E. 24 Rods, to a Heap of Stones, at K, 3 Rods West of the N. W. Corner of the said Andrew Waterman's Dwelling-House; thence S. 47 D. E. 7½ Rods, to a Heap of Stones, at L, 3 Feet East from the S. E. Corner of said Waterman's Cider-House; thence S. 16 D. E. 13½ Rods, to a Heap of Stones, at the Corner of a Wall, the South Side of a Cross Road, at M; thence S. 78 D. E. 10 Rods, to the Eastern End of a Rock, at N; thence S. 80 D. E. 12 Rods, to a Heap of Stones, on Whorlebury-Hill, at O; thence S. 55 D. E. 31 Rods and 15 Links, to a Walnut-Tree, marked at P; thence S. 57½ D. E. 81 Rods, to the End of a Stone Wall, at Q; thence S. 60 D. E. 18 Rods, to a Stake, at R; thence S. 64 D. E. 160 Rods, to the ancient Country Road at S.—We also report, That we have determined the Width of said Road to be Three Rods Wide, and have erected Bounds and Monuments, on the Southerly Side thereof.

JOHN SMITH,
JAMES BURRILL, jun.
THOMAS P. Ives.

On due Consideration whereof,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That said Report be accepted, and that the Course and Width of said Road be established, as described in said Report.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Hundred and Fifty-six Dollars and Sixty-two Cents, be allowed and paid to Rowse Babcock, Esq, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being on Account of Repairs, by him made to Pawcatuck Bridge; and that he account for the same to this Assembly.

256 D. 62 C.
allowed R.
Babcock.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is, requested to write to the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States, desiring them to take such Measures, as they shall deem most effectual, to obtain a uniform System of Weights and Measures, throughout the United States.

Gov. requested
to write to the
Senators & Re-
presentatives.

Officers chosen. **BOTH** Houses being resolved into a Grand-Committee, made Choice of the following Officers, *to wit* :

Samuel Eddy, Esq. Secretary, in the Room of *Henry Ward, Esq.* deceased.

Thomas Holden, Esq. Fifth Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Goal-Delivery, within and throughout the State; in the Room of *Thomas Tillinghast, Esq.* resigned.

William Gardiner, Esq. Second Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of Kent.

Peleg Clarke, Captain, } of the Second Company of Infantry
Russell Johnson, Lieutenant, } in the Town of East-Greenwich.
John Mawney, Ensign,

Daniel Bradford, Esq. and *Samuel Royal Paine, Esq.* Justices of the Peace for the Town of Bristol.

3 D. allowed
J. Lawton.

AGREEABLY to the Report of a Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Dollars* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Job Lawton*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that the same be in full Compensation of an Account, by him charged against the State, for carrying Schedules, Commissions, Proclamations, &c. the Year past from Providence, to the Sheriff of the County of Kent.

20 D. 31 C.
allowed J.
Niles.

AGREEABLY to the Report of a Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Dollars and Thirty-four Cents*, be allowed and paid to *Jonathan Niles, Esq.* Sheriff of the County of Kent, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange, and that the same be in full Compensation of an Account, by him charged against the State, ending the Twentieth Day of November, A. D. 1797, for boarding poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State; for Wood, Candles, &c. provided for the Use of the Superior Court; and for transmitting Writs of Election, Commissions, Schedules, Proclamations and Packages, to the proper Officers in the said County.

24 D. allowed
H. Barber.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-four Dollars* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Henry Barber*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Printing done for the State to the present Time.

8 D. allowed
A. Hopkins.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Dollars* be allowed and paid to Mr. *Amos Hopkins*, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate

Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Four Days Attendance, as Secretary *pro Tempore*, the present Session.

An ACT, in Amendment of an ACT, for Incorporating *The Social Library Company*, in Cumberland.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority here-
of it is hereby Enacted, That Seven Members of said Company,
assembled at any regular Meeting, of said Company, shall make
and constitute a Quorum, for the Transaction of any Business, and
for the enacting of any Rules or By-Laws, which by their said
Charter, may, or ought to be, at any of their Meetings, transacted, or
enacted; subject to the Provisions and Restrictions of said Charter.

Amendment
of the Act for
Incorporating
the Social Li-
brary Compa-
ny in Cum-
berland.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Smith, and William Rhodes,
Esq's. and Mr. Thomas P. Ives, be, and they hereby are, appointed
a Committee, to receive from the Representative of Henry Ward,
Esq. deceased, late Secretary of this State, the Records, Seals, Sche-
dules, Files of Papers, and whatever appertains to the Secretary's
Office, and the same to deliver to the present Secretary, giving and
taking Receipts for the same.

Committee to
receive & de-
liver the Rec-
ords, &c. be-
longing to the
Sec'y's Office

The following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit*:

Gen. Treasur-
er's Report.

State of Rhode Island, &c.

THE General-Treasurer, in Obedience to the ACT passed at last June Session, entitled, "An ACT for calling in the Notes and Securities issued by the State, for Services and Supplies, during the late War with Great-Britain, which have not been liquidated and exchanged, and for giving the Holders of them new Securities;" respectfully reports to the Legislature, That he hath by Advertisement, in all the Newspapers in this State, notified the Creditors to bring in their Demands, the Amount of which already exhibited, with the Interest computed thereon, to the First of January, A.D. 1795, is Nineteen Thousand, One Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Sixty-five Cents; but as the Time limited for the Creditors to bring in their Demands, expires the last Day of the present Month, he is apprehensive many of the small Creditors, who have not yet exhibited their Demands, may be precluded from the Benefit of the Law, unless the Legislature think fit to extend the Time:

CONCERNING also, that much Inconvenience, if not Injury, will arise to the Collectors of the Tax ordered at the last Session, relative to receiving Crowns, and other Silver Coins, that are declared by the Proclamation of the President of the United States, no longer a Lawful Tender; the Treasurer requests the Legislature, to give such Directions, as will remove the Difficulty suggested, as he considers

himself

himself not warranted in receiving them, without an Order of the Legislature for that Purpose.

Which is submitted,

By your obedient Servant,

H. SHERBURNE, General-Treasurer.

Newport, December 11th, 1797.

Which being duly considered,

Time prolonged for bringing in State Notes, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Holders of Notes and Securities, issued by the State, as described in an Act, entitled, "An Act for calling in the Notes and Securities issued by the State, for Services and Supplies during the late War with Great-Britain, which have not been liquidated and exchanged, and for giving the Holders of them new Securities," and which have not been liquidated and exchanged, agreeably to the Provision of the said Act, be, and they hereby are, authorised and permitted, any Time before the First Day of July, A. D. 1798, to carry the said Notes and Securities into the General-Treasury; that the General-Treasurer be, and he hereby is, empowered and required to liquidate and adjust such Demands, in Manner as prescribed by said Act; and that the General-Treasurer give Notice thereof, in the several Newspapers in this State.

Collectors of Taxes to receive Crowns and other Silver Coins.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Collectors of Taxes be, and they hereby are, authorised to receive Crowns, and other Silver Coins, which by Law have ceased to be a legal Tender, at the same Rates they have last been received, agreeably to Law; and that the General-Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorised to receive of the said Collectors of Taxes, Crowns, and other Silver Coins, in Payment of Taxes, as herein prescribed.

Com. to advertise Plan of the Gaol in Providence.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Smith, Charles Lippitt, and William Allen, Esquires, a Committee heretofore appointed by this Assembly, to advertise for Proposals to build a County and State Prison, in the Town of Providence, conformably to a Plan reported to this Assembly, at the Session in June, A. D. 1797, be empowered to describe in their Advertisement, such Particulars of said Plan, as are not accurately and minutely described in said Report; and that they make Report to the next Session of this Assembly.

Com. to settle H. Ward's Account.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Noah Mathewson, John Smith, and Edward Manton, Esq's. be, and they hereby are, appointed a Committee, to adjust and settle the Account of Henry Ward, Esq. deceased, against this State; and that they make Report to the next Session of this Assembly.

Senators & Representatives instructed to obtain a Repeal of the Stamp Act.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Senators of this State, in the Congress of the United States, be instructed, and the Representatives of this State, in said Congress, be requested to move for, and endeavour to obtain, a Repeal of the Act, passed at the last Session of said Congress, for levying Stamp Duties.

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THE following Report was made to this Assembly, *to wit* :
 To the Honorable the General Assembly, now convened at Bristol, in
 and for the State of Rhode-Island.

Liberties of
 Bristol Gaol
 enlarged.

THE Committee appointed to report, what Extent of the Liberties of the Gaol and Yard thereof, in the County of *Bristol*, ought to be allowed by Law, beg Leave to report, that in Addition to the Liberties of said Gaol, to the Yard already provided for, that it would be reasonable and proper, that the Bounds of said Prison, and Yard, should be extended so as to comprehend that Part of Hope-Street in *Bristol*, as is bounded Northerly, on a straight Line drawn from the Southwest Corner of Governor *Bradford's* Lot, whereon his House stands, to the Southeast Corner of the House-Lot of *Stephen Smith*, Esq. and Southerly on a straight Line, drawn from the Southwest Corner of the Lot of Mr. *Jonathan Fales*, to the Southeast Corner of the Lot on which the Episcopal Church stands, including the said Church, together also with that Part of that Street in which the Court House stands, as far Easterly from said Hope-Street, as to the East Line of said Court-House.

All which is submitted by your Honors most obedient humble
 Servants,

JAMES D'WOLFE,
 STEPHEN SMITH.

Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Bounds therein mentioned be, and they hereby are, established as the Limits of the Liberties of said Gaol.

AGREEABLY to the Report of a Committee appointed by the House of Representatives, IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents be allowed and paid to *George Perry*, a Deputy-Sheriff, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State at the established Rate of Exchange; that the same be in full Compensation of an Account by him charged against the State, for the Services and Expences of a Court of Justices, of himself and Aid, in the Year 1796, for apprehending, committing and punishing *Robert Jones*, convicted by said Court of Theft; and that said Sum be distributed in the following Proportions, *to wit* : To the said *George Perry*, Three Dollars; to *Thomas W. Kenyon*, Two Dollars; to *John Wilbour, jun.* One Dollar; to *Jonathan Potter*, One Dollar Fifty Cents, and to the Court, Two Dollars.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Providence, procure a suitable Stove and Pipe thereto, for the Representatives Chamber in the Court-House in Providence, and that he exhibit his Account for the same to this Assembly.

Sheriff to pro-
 cure a Stove for
 the Court.
 House in Pro-
 vidence.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-nine Dollars and Fifty Cents, be allowed and paid to *William Marchant*, Esq. out of the

29 D. 50 C
 allowed W
 Marchant

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General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for his Services as Clerk of the House of Representatives, and for Stationary provided for the Use of the House, commencing in September last, to the present Time.

13 D. to C.
allowed N.
Knight.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirteen Dollars and Ten Cents be allowed and paid to Nehemiah Knights, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Providence, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Sum by him advanced, for apprehending and recommitting Newport Hazard, who had escaped from Gaol.

R. Greene,
D. L. Barnes,
W. Hunter,
G. Harris,
C. Thomas,
B. Bourn, and
W. Greene, al-
lowed 100 D.
each.

6 D. allowed
N. Smith.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred Dollars be allowed to each of the Committee for revising the Laws of this State, and that the same be paid out of the General Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; and that they account to this Assembly for the same.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Nathaniel Smith, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

42 D. allowed
J. L. Boss, A.
Crary and W.
Channing.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Forty-two Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. John L. Boss, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of an Account presented by the said John L. Boss, Archibald Crary, Esq. and Mr. Walter Channing, for Services at the General-Treasurer's Office, in examining Abstracts of the funded Paper, burning the same, and making out Lists of Notes in the said Office.

Petition of the
Proprietors of
Bristol Acad-
emy.

WHEREAS Mr. James D'Wolfe, Agent in Behalf of the Proprietors of Bristol Academy, by his Petition, represented unto this Assembly, that the Proprietors of said Academy have been subjected to a considerable Expence in preparing the Chamber of laid Academy, for the Sitting of the General Assembly at the present Session; that further Expences will be necessary for finishing said Room; that the Proprietors have agreed to appropriate said Building for the Use of the Assembly, whenever their Sessions shall be holden in said Bristol, provided the Legislature will reimburse the aforesaid Expences, and finish the said Chamber; the Cost of which, the Petitioner stipulates, will not exceed Three Hundred Dollars; and praying this Assembly to grant him that Sum, for the aforesaid Purposes:

Which being duly considered,

300 D. grant-
ed Bristol A-
cademy.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Proprietors, be allowed the said Sum of Three Hundred Dollars, for the Purpose of completing

pleting the said Chamber, for the Use of this Assembly hereafter; and that the same be paid to the said James D'Wolfe, in Behalf of the said Proprietors, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. John Wight, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Use of his Room and Fire, by the House of Magistrates the present Session.

8 D. allowed
J. Wight.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Shubael Kinnicut, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending on the Assembly the present Session, as a Waiter.

6 D. allowed
S. Kinnicut.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. John Barnes, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for attending on the Assembly, as a Waiter, the present Session.

6 D. allowed
J. Barnes.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to revise the Laws of this State, have not completed said Business; *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That such of the Acts, reported by said Committee, as have been passed by this Assembly, do not take Effect until the Rising of this Assembly, at the next Session.*

Laws report-
ed by the Com.
and passed, not
to take effect
until next Ses-
sion.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Dollars be allowed and paid to Mr. Nathaniel Waldron, out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

6 D. allowed
N. Waldron.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary and Attorney-General, be added to the Committee for revising the Laws, in the Place of the late Attorney-General, who is absent from the State, and of William Greene, Esq. who is engaged to go abroad.

Secretary and
Attorney Gen.
added to the
Com. for re-
vising the
Laws.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary make Enquiry, on what Terms he can procure the new Digest of the Laws to be printed, with or without, the Privilege of a Copy-Right, and that he Report to the next Session of this Assembly.

Sec'y to en-
quire on what
terms he can
get the Laws
printed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Proceedings be stayed on all Petitions pending before this Assembly, wherein the Staying of Proceedings is prayed for: That all such Petitioners, who stand committed to Gaol, or who are liable to be committed, upon civil Process or Execution, be liberated until the Rising of this Assembly, at the next Session; provided they give Bonds, satisfactory to the Sheriffs

Resolve re-
pecting Peti-
tions.

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Sheriffs of the several Counties, where they have been, or may be committed; that they will return to Gaol, if the Prayer of their respective Petitions be not granted.

Adjournment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same hereby is, referred to the next Session: That the Secretary cause to be published the Acts and Orders now made and passed (except such Part of the Laws of this State, revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, as have been passed at the present Session) and transmit them to the several Town-Clerks in the State, in the usual Manner: And that this Assembly be, and the same hereby is, adjourned to the last Monday in January next, then to convene at the State-House in Providence.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

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WITNESS,

Sam. Eddy Secy

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